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Editorial

Dr. Winchester's Resignation

IT was with the deepest regret that the Council Executive, on 23rd November, had to accept Dr. Effie D. Winchester's resignation as a member of its staff of missionaries. Her year's service in Jobat Hospital proved that the high hopes with which she was sent to India were not vain hopes, but illness made it necessary for her to return to Canada. We are glad to report her steady improvement in health.

New Welcome and Welfare Secretary

THE Council Executive is glad to announce that Mrs. J. M. Warren has been appointed Secretary in charge of the Welcome and Welfare work of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.).

A Missionary Bereaved

THE sincere sympathy of all our members goes out to Miss Ellen Douglas, of Jobat, India, in the death on the 28th October of her father, Rev. R. J. Douglas, D.D., of New Westminster, formerly Synodical Missionary for British Columbia. Miss Douglas was then on her way back to her field after her furlough in Canada. To Mrs. Douglas and her sons, too, the Society extends sympathy.

Mrs. M. G. Abey

ON the 28th October, too, came the death of Mrs. M. G. Abey, of Brandon, Manitoba, to whose faithful work and generous gifts our Church and our Women's Missionary Society owed much. All her life especially interested in work for children, she gave the money for the M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home in Amkhut, India, in memory of her husband. By these gifts she ''being dead yet speaketh''.

French Work Makes Progress

DR. A. S. REID reports that the French work being carried on in Montreal, to which the Presbytery of Montreal and the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa have given their full approval, continues to make good progress.

The North End branch, where Mr. J. H. Smith works, is now under an Assessor Session of the Presbytery, with Dr. W. Harvey-Jellie as Moderator. Sixteen new members were received in October, and at the Communion service, conducted by Dr. Harvey-Jellie, one hundred, in all, took communion, none of whom were members of our Church two years ago.

Encouraging News from British Guiana

COMPARATIVELY little having been heard for some years of our mission work in British Guiana, one of the oldest and the nearest of the overseas fields, the news brought to the Council Executive on 16th November by the Rev. David Marshall was especially welcome. At the request of the Board of Missions Mr. Marshall went to British Guiana about five years ago to report on conditions there, and, on his return, was asked to go down and put his recommendations into effect. In spite of serious difficulties, changes were made that resulted in the $40,000 estimate for that mission being gradually reduced until last year it was $12,000, and that without the work suffering; perhaps, Mr. Marshall said, it is more extensive than ever. Conditions in British Guiana make it wise for the mission to conduct schools where great emphasis is laid on influencing the character of the boys and girls. There are about thirty-four primary schools and two High Schools, with a hundred and fifty to two hundred native teachers and about five thousand pupils. That the number of pupils has nearly doubled in the last four years is partly due to the fact that more East Indian girls are now coming to school. Hitherto, they have not had the same opportunities as the boys, for, while parents were anxious to have boys educated, girls were sent to the fields to work, then married at twelve or fourteen years of age.

Until recently the Church was spending a great deal on primary schools; now it spends nothing, the Government having been influenced to accept responsibility for teachers' salaries and for the upkeep of the schools. Some schools are small, with thirty or forty children; others are much larger, one having over seven hundred on the roll. But in all, large or small, the same atmosphere is found. To the East Indian boys and girls Christianity is brought, and these children go to their homes, mostly non-Christian ones, and there sing Christian hymns, repeat Bible verses, tell of God and Jesus Christ, so that every day two or three thousand homes are being influenced, as well as about five thousand children. Moreover, the assistance of the teachers is available for the Sunday services. Thus, instead of being a cause of worry to the mission, the schools are now a help, and the workers feel that it is well worth while giving their time, their talents, and themselves in this part of the work.

The problem of buildings was a serious one. As many were poor and unfit for use, an effort had to be made to erect new ones that would, Mr.

Marshall said, be worthy of our Church and of our God. Some buildings still require to be enlarged or renewed. No money is now being given by the Church in Canada for school buildings; yet the mission has some of the finest in the colony. Mr. Marshall gave instances to show how the problem was being solved. When a new building is needed, the people are gathered together, whether Christian, Mohammedan or Hindu, and told of the need. Although not rich, they there promise enough to pay for the new building, with a grant from the Government. The authorities of a sugar estate, when approached, voted $8,000 for a new school; in another case, $3,000. In another place a friend gave $500, which, with the Government grant and something from the people, will mean a new school. In Georgetown a church, it is hoped, will be built. For it the Women's Missionary Society (Eastern Division) is giving money raised some time ago for another purpose. The people are poor, but everyone in the congregation is giving something. A beautiful new church, the Ephraim Scott Memorial, accommodating about two hundred and fifty, was planned and supervised by the missionaries, a saving of about $2,000 being thus effected.

The women missionaries and the missionaries' wives are redoubling their efforts to reach the women with the Christian religion. Contact has been made with many families not reached before, and women and children have been brought into touch with Christ. Mr. Marshall paid high tribute to the splendid work of Miss Davies and Miss Storey, the former in Berbice with its numerous sugar estates and the latter in Demerara. For two years Miss Davies has given most of her time to her work as Principal of the High School, but it is hoped that from now on she may spend half her time in field work—that is, direct evangelistic work. The Government grant for the Boys' and Girls' High Schools has been doubled, and the schools are of a high standard. Another teacher is being employed, and kindergarten work has been started.

In reply to questions, Mr. Marshall gave some interesting information about British Guiana. Ninety-nine per cent. of the people speak English. All houses are of wood, and are built on pillars, three to ten feet high, on account of the dampness, the homes of the very poor being mere shelters with walls of thin boards, earth floors, and thatched roofs. Recently, however, housing conditions have improved. The main meal is of rice; the East Indians grow nearly all the rice grown in the colony. Until recently among the East Indians woman was regarded as inferior to man, and women were forbidden to go to any place of entertainment, especially if men were to be there. There is no rivalry between mission schools and others; no Government grant is given if there is a school within two miles. Our mission schools are on the sugar estates and in out-of-the-way places where there are no others.

Mrs. McLennan, thanking Mr. Marshall for his encouraging account of the work in British Guiana, reminded the Board members that it was Mr. Marshall's own careful supervision that had brought buildings and other features of the mission work to their present satisfactory state. Other members, too, assured Mr. Marshall that the Board had abundant confidence in him and realized that the Church and the Women's Missionary Society owed him and Mrs. Marshall a great debt of gratitude.

Mr. and Mrs. Burkwall

ON the 9th November Miss M. M. Reid, Secretary for South China and Manchuria, had the great pleasure of welcoming, on behalf of the Council Executive, Rev. H. O. T. Burkwall and Mrs. Burkwall, who have recently returned from Canton. For over twenty-five years Mrs. Burkwall has served among the Chinese. Appointed to South China in 1911 by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, as Miss Ethel Reid, she served on that field until 1925. Returning to Canada, she spent some years in Chinese work in Montreal. Then, in response to an urgent call from the Church of Christ in South China, she was again sent out, to undertake work in the Shek Lung district. Since her marriage to Rev. H. O. T. Burkwall, of the British and Foreign Bible Society, she has still maintained her interest in that work and kept the Secretary in touch with it through her very fine reports.

Mrs. Burkwall was grateful to be still looked on as the Society's representative in South China, an honorary worker. The yearly grant to the Church of Christ had, with favourable exchange, been stretched out to do a great deal, she said. She had been able to direct its use to ways that she felt the Society would approve. Besides the students who are being helped to prepare themselves for work, ten or eleven women workers on the Shek Lung field receive full or partial support from the fund. These workers, as fine as any on the field, have received their training, in whole or in part, during the seven years that Mrs. Burkwall has been there. She has kept in close touch with them and her house has always been open to them. As Shek Lung is only an hour by fast express from Canton, she has been able to help by directing their work as well as by her counsel, sympathy, and prayer. Since the first of April, when Mrs. Burkwall left, Mrs. S. P. Law, for forty-five years connected with the True Light Seminary for Women, and for years its head, and closely in touch with the Church of Christ, has undertaken to oversee the work in Shek Lung, confer with the women workers and direct the spending of the grant. Miss Tiu, a fine worker, has been secured as travelling supervisor of the field. Rev. Calvin Lee, now a pastor in Canton, still keeps close to the workers and is a tower of strength to the weaker Christians, reminding them that this is a time of testing, a time to show their faith, to remember that

''Christ is sitting, not sleeping, at God's right hand.'' Mrs. Burkwall felt that God had been preparing China for this crisis,—an increasing number of spiritual leaders are being raised up.

Mr. Burkwall paid tribute to the work of women's societies in the Church. Slowly the Chinese women are being organized and already have some strong groups. Foreign missions are beginning to have some part in Chinese thinking. He referred to Rev. R. A. Jaffray's finding a northern tribe living in trees and taking a Chinese, a Christian of the second generation, as a missionary to them, who would live, work, play with them, to get the *sounds* of their language, which had no written form. Leaders in China have been greatly encouraged by the new trends. Established, self-supporting churches are now contributing to assist weaker ones: one in Canton gives $1,400 yearly for country churches, and one has recently opened a branch church of its own as a mission. Church work, Mr. Burkwall declared, is established and will go on. Even in country districts work will continue, although it may be checked. For every minister an attempt is being made to get a larger number of lay preachers, more and more of whom are being trained in night Bible Schools and in day Bible Institutes. Through the wide circulation of the Scriptures the Gospel has reached the far corners of the country—ten million books have been sold to the people. These have prepared the way for the preacher, who at once finds an audience. There has been a large increase in Bible Conferences, such as Pooi Ling in Canton, to which Chinese come from all parts of that province and from other provinces for ten days of intensified Bible study, paying their own expenses and all the costs of the conference—without collection plates being passed. ''Then'', said Mr. Burkwall, ''they take home what they have learned and use it.''

Mr. Burkwall has retired, but he and Mrs. Burkwall hope to go back next year, to work in a group of villages close to the field where Mrs. Burkwall has been working under the Women's Missionary Society.

Readers are reminded that the grant to which Mrs. Burkwall referred is the $1,000 which our Society gives for evangelistic work under the Church of Christ in China.

Some Present Problems of the Churches in Mission Fields

THE Rev. William Paton, Secretary of the International Missionary Council and Editor of the *International Review of Missions*, spent two days in Toronto in November, in connection with plans for the Council meeting, which was to have been held in Hangchow next October. The agony of the present time, it is felt, is a reason for going on with the conference, not postponing it, Mr. Paton said; living in the midst of stress, it is hard to see the way, but representatives of the Churches will meet together as Christians and hear what God has to say to them. He announced the decision just reached, with the full consent of the Chinese themselves, to hold the conference (December 10-30) in India at Tambaram, sixteen miles from Madras, in the new buildings of the Madras Christian College, which will be a great centre of Christian learning in South India. Those in charge of the preparations are anxious that it should not be merely an opportunity for speech-making, but a real meeting of personalities, of people coming together to find God's will. They are anxious, too, that through it should be carried over into the mission fields and the younger Churches the spirit of the Oxford and Edinburgh Conferences of 1937, which, in Mr. Paton's opinion, will be looked on as landmarks in Christian history. The Oxford Conference dealt with the relation of the Church and Christian fellowship with the authoritative state, the new state that claims complete allegiance. In Edinburgh it had been recognized that in fundamentals the Christian Church *is* united. Those present were made conscious of a remarkable community of the spirit,—in spite of the greatest diversity, all were learning from one another, moving towards one another with a new sympathy. The two great gatherings, he said, have, without the slightest compromise or glossing over things, brought together Christian forces so that people feel themselves part of a universal Christian Church.

The central theme of the 1938 meeting is to be the Church,—its upbuilding, and the younger Churches as parts of the historic Church. If the permanence of the work is thought of, everything depends on *real* Churches arising. The goal in missionary work is the founding of *living* Churches. Efforts must be concentrated on the *living* Church, that which will endure.

Referring to some of the great issues to be faced, Mr. Paton said one great need in the younger Churches is an *original* grasp of the Christian religion, a larger number of people for whom the Christian faith is their *own* faith, not just a repetition of what they have learned from others. Needed, too, is a Christian conviction of the relation of Christianity to the new idolatries, the new paganism in which the idea of race is elevated to a state where it is religiously authoritative, its adherents believing that God is revealed in race as in nothing else. Thus, Christian people are, Mr. Paton declared, having to articulate the Christian religion in terms of problems unknown to their fathers—Germany with its challenge of the ''race'' state, and Japan of Emperor worship. There is need, therefore, of first-class thinking and of people sufficiently grounded to think things out for themselves. It must be understood that even secularism is superimposed on something quite different in the East. There is need for a thorough grasp of Christian theology, the Christian faith itself in relation to characteristic modern problems.

As to the Christian Church itself, there is, Mr. Paton felt, a great haziness as to what the Church really is. There is a tremendous need, he said, to get deep down into the New Testament idea of the Church. Too often the Church is thought of as instrumental to our purposes, as a glorified club, rather than as a fellowship made by the love of God, not by ourselves,—a fellowship whose roots are in the Divine purpose, not in human. Thus, in preparation for the 1938 conference, work is being put into fundamental aspects of what the Church really is.

It is in the matter of evangelization that the missionary movement has most to give to the œcumenical movement, and that question becomes academic unless the problems of missionary efforts are fully faced. Mr. Paton quoted Viscount Cecil as saying at Oxford that, if the Church did not give great attention to evangelization, there was no use trying to tackle a Christian view of the international situation.

It is, in Mr. Paton's opinion, impossible to exaggerate the strain the Churches in India are feeling because of the great groups coming in. The greatest development has been in South India, where, after being almost stationary for ninety years, the Church suddenly came alive, so that in ten years many thousands were added to it. One can never know, he reminded his hearers, when an apparently sterile area will cease to be so. Workers must look for the moving groups, with a vision of possibilities not obtained when looking for individual converts.

Mr. Paton sees the time coming when there will be articulate opposition to Christianity in the East, in India, in Turkey, even in China. This cannot be avoided, for Christianity is, in some respects, exclusive, with belief in Christ, the only Begotten Son, so that there can be no compromise without conscious apostasy. There must be some unpopularity. If the Church means business, it means going into more difficult times.

In the matter of education there is a growing desire on the part of states to be a kind of Church. National education is being used to press home certain views of the state. Hence, it is not a matter for surprise that states are going to be more and more jealous of Christian education the more Christian it is,—education that inspires the life of the individual and the community. This problem of Christian education will bring together the people of East and West who are wrestling for genuine Christian education.

There is deep concern, too, over the relation of the Christian faith to the social order. Mr. Paton cannot agree with those who think that Christian missions have nothing to do with those things. But on mission fields workers may become so busy with a multitude of services that they lose the withdrawing so necessary to their life. The question cannot be evaded; Christianity has to do with the whole of life.

Mr. Paton urged Christian leaders to encourage the growth of the sense that there is such a thing in the world as œcumenical Christian fellowship—all are one in that they all belong to the Holy Catholic Church—and that it is a living Church facing both immense opportunity and great menace and danger; and, in the midst of all, to listen to Him, hear what the Holy Spirit of God is saying to the Churches.

A Prayer from India

MOST of our readers know of those great Parsee Christians, the Sorabji family, and many have seen and heard Miss Susie Sorabji and her sister, Miss Cornelia, during their visits to Canada. A third sister, Miss Lena Sorabji, was a teacher in St. Helena's School, Poona, India. One of her intercessory prayers was recently sent by Miss Cornelia Sorabji to the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire and published in the October *Echoes.* With their permission we are quoting this ''Prayer for Advancing Years'', in this beginning of a New Year.

''O God, our Heavenly Father, whose gift is length of days, help us to make the noblest use of mind and body in our advancing years. According to our strength, apportion Thou our work. As Thou hast pardoned our transgressions, so sift the ingatherings of our memory, that evil may grow dim, and good may shine forth clearly. We thank Thee for Thy gifts, and especially for Thy presence and the love of friends in heaven and earth. Grant us new ties of friendship, new opportunities for service, joy in the growth and happiness of children, sympathy with those who bear the burdens of the world, clear thought and quiet faith. Teach us to bear infirmities with cheerful patience. Keep us from narrow pride in outgrown ways, blind eyes that will not see the good of change, impatient judgments of the methods and experiments of others. Let Thy peace rule our spirits through all the trials of our waning years. Take from us all fear of death and all despair or undue love of life, so that with glad hearts at rest in Thee, we may await the time when Thou shalt call us home. We ask all these things in the Name, and for the sake, of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.''

The Master-Light

IN his preface to the Report of the British and Foreign Bible Society, Rev. J. A. Patten strikes the key-note of that book, which is much more than an annual report. ''Without being pessimists we are all bound to admit that there are many clouds hanging over the world to-day—clouds of war and hostility, jealousy and misunderstanding, clouds of poverty and unemployment, ignorance and irreligion; and in no part of the globe is the sun shining from a clear sky. 'Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord,' is the prayer of Christian people everywhere, and the argument advanced in the following pages is that the world-wide circulation of the Word of God is part of the answer to that prayer. The Bible is the Book of Light, and as that Light spreads to the uttermost parts of the earth humanity will hail it as indeed 'a master-light of all our seeing'.''

After pointing out the place light occupies in the Bible, in some of the greatest hymns of the Church, in art, in poetry, in spiritual experience, and in ceremonial, and referring to the many lamps that have almost, or altogether, been put out by war—the lamp of international friendship, the lamp of genius, the lamps of happiness, the lamp of moral and religious idealism,—lamps whose relighting can be completed only with great effort, the report shows what the Bible Society did last year ''to place the Book of Light in the hands of mankind.'' The colporteurs, lamplighters who along the highways of the world light the Lamp of Truth wherever they go, had an unusually difficult year in Western Europe, but an encouraging one in most other parts of the world. The fact that the Society last year issued 11,343,948 copies of the Scriptures in hundreds of languages—six new ones were added during the year—shows the widespread demand for the Word of God. Lamps need oil, however, and appeal for financial support is made to ''all who believe that the Scriptures should be made available to all mankind.'' Last year's income was £371,604, the expenditure £387,139, leaving a deficit for the year of £15,535.

''We Have Seen His Star''

O though the way be rough and long,
And dangers lurk on every side,
Yet still we lift our constant song,—
''The star of faith shall be our guide.''

Though tempests fill the empty sky,
And terrors vex the circling night,
Yet still with one accord we cry,—
''The star of hope shall be our light.''

Though fear shall follow all the way
Along the path our feet must roam,
Yet still with heart and voice we say,—
''The star of love shall lead us home.''

—Marjorie Pickthall.

Estimates for 1938

Mrs. D. Strachan

ONCE more it is time to present the estimates, this time for 1938. These were passed by the Council Executive on November 30th, 1937, and go out to the members with the request that every one, young and old, will study them carefully, along with this explanatory statement.

When the estimates came before the Finance Committee, they totalled $169,866.60, from which $10,770 could be taken from our Reserve funds, leaving an estimate of $159,096.60 to be cut by over $7,000 to bring it to the figure of $152,000 set by the Enlarged Council Executive last May. This statement will show how this was done.

Hospital work shows for the first time the new building at Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, and an estimate for its maintenance for six months only. The money for the building comes from the Trust funds. The price for building and furnishings was set at $15,000, including $4,000 raised by the community. Of this, $3,930 has gone forward in 1937 and $7,102 will require to go in 1938. In the Chinese work the only changes are in Toronto where there is no head worker giving full time at present, and so only $500, with $110 expenses, is allowed for some one with the language to head up the work. Miss Gibbs and Miss Yeung receive $55 each for expenses required in gathering the children for kindergarten and Mrs. Adams for carfare required in her visiting. The estimate as a whole is lower. In the Educational work we note the absence of New Liskeard Residence, now closed and sold. Saskatoon and Huntingdon estimate remains the same. At Vegreville the two Residences are again in operation with Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn in charge. By an agreement with the Presbytery of Edmonton the Women's Missionary Society assumed $1,000 of their salary. Rev. Mr. Blackburn is also minister of Vegreville and Ranfurly Churches. $1,200 had been allowed for maintenance with the expectation of having it returned. This $1,200 has been taken out and we have been obliged to tell the Superintendent that, though we may send out some help, we must have the assurance of its return and that any further expense must be cared for by the Residence,—a great pity, in view of the fact that both Residences are full and the work prospering, but what else could be done? This was the first cut that hurt. The estimate for the Indian Residential Schools remains practically the same. An advance step is noted in the estimate for two Indian girls, graduates of the Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School, at the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, and how very welcome this advance is! It is estimated that it will cost the Women's Missionary Society $1,000. The Department of Indian Affairs is granting us $165 a year for each and the balance of $670 is being taken from the Special Indian fund, which is really rent paid the W.M.S. by the Department of Indian Affairs when the old Cecilia Jeffrey School, owned by the W.M.S., was in use. It is hoped that there is enough in this fund to complete the education of the two girls. The Deaconess estimate remains about the same. There is no expansion allowed, and the grant to the Fresh Air Camp has been cut out. The salary and expenses of Miss Verlie Evans, which came out of new deaconesses in 1937, has very regretfully had to be taken out. The Supply Department estimate was reduced by $100. The estimate for French work in Montreal remains at $300.

Turning to the Overseas work and India, it is good to see the name of Miss Magee appearing on our staff in Jhansi field, the only new missionary sent out in 1937; but Dr. Effie Winchester's name is missing from the staff of the Bhil field, to our great regret. A cut of $150 was made in each of these fields. In Formosa the name of Miss Ethel Chisholm appears on the staff once more. The general estimate for Formosa was very considerably increased, and increased of necessity, for work is expanding. The item, Bursaries for Girls' School $300, is a most necessary one to keep up the connection between the school and the mission, now that the W.M.S. is no longer responsible for that school. The estimate for the Women's School is doubled because of the new and increased work being done there. Evangelistic work, too, is increased and a new estimate is for the Preachers' Wives' Conference, the expenses of which, we fear, have in the past been met by our missionaries. A new estimate, too, is $400 for an itinerary allowance for Mrs. Mackay, Mrs. Dickson and Mrs. MacMillan—this also has until this year, 1937, been met by themselves. Travel to and from Japan, necessitated by our missionaries being required to go to Japan for language study, is a new item. What could be cut? For cut we must. It was finally agreed that $1,900, covering the last three items of the estimate, be taken from the Formosa reserve funds. There is both the Formosa Forward Movement fund held in Canada and a fund on the field from the sale of property. These will not be required for buildings, as it is unlikely that the Women's Missionary Society will ever erect any new buildings in Formosa, and it seemed quite legitimate to take this $1,900, should it all be needed, from the reserve fund, probably that on the field. The estimate for China remains the same. In the Korean Work in Japan the estimate is increased largely by the increased estimate for Biblewomen. It should be remembered that in many cases where these Biblewomen work, the local Church pays part of their salary. This is part of the policy of self-support there. Very regretfully a cut of $150 had to be made, but, as in India, the Council is left to make the cut. The British Guiana estimate is less by only $40.

Under New Missionaries the only estimate that could be allowed is for Mrs. Gehman and Miss Gibbs, under appointment to Manchuria and prevented by war conditions from sailing in the fall of 1937. As they were under appointment, the Council Executive felt their salaries should be paid. They are each, therefore, receiving $650 from this New Missionaries estimate, and their travel and expenses to the field in the fall of 1938 and expenses at language school are also included. Miss Gibbs, in the meantime, is serving the Society in the Chinese work in Toronto and Mrs. Gehman is taking the public health nursing course at the University of Toronto to fit herself still better for her field. No other new missionaries can be sent in 1938.

In the Publications Department, by arrangement, a slight increase in salary is given to the staff and a new estimate, ''Mission Band Leaders' Corner'', appears at the request of the Council.

In the Organizations Department a new salary appears, that of Miss Negoro as assistant to Miss Pelton. This was necessitated by an increase of work and the need of expansion in the department. The Council Executive feels very deeply the need of special attention to the whole organization and is beginning here.

The Student Department requires a little explanation. The expense of the department is a little less, but it has been found necessary to estimate for the two Chinese students under our care, Miss Lilyan Leung and Miss Pansy Yeung. Up till the present the expenses of the Chinese students have been taken from the fund given by the late Mrs. MacNaughton of Edmonton for this purpose, but this fund was exhausted at the end of 1937. Pansy Yeung is in her second year at the University of Toronto and Lilyan Leung is at Columbia University taking a course in the teaching of nurses. We are proud of these girls and are obligated to pay for their education, but where was the $1,005 to come from in the face of having to make a cut of $7,000? It was agreed to take this amount from the Formosa Forward Movement Fund. Were this not done, some field or department would have to be cut $1,000.

The Candidates Department was cut $50, as the major part of the expense of this department is borne by the Ewart Fund. The Library Department was cut $100 and the Lantern Slides $25. Under Miscellaneous the amount for exchange remains large but is unavoidable. A new estimate is that of $350 for a lecturer at the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home and was passed by the Enlarged Council Executive last May. The amount for the Council meeting next September is set at $2,000. The amount for Missionaries' Retiring Allowances is set at $1,400, which is $400 more than last year, and is accounted for by the fact that, instead of applying the full amount of interest from that fund to reduce the estimate, only part is taken. The rest is left to build up the Special Retiring Fund and $400 added to the estimates. This is also an order of the Enlarged Council Executive.

Under Christian Literature the sum of $500 appears for help in publishing a Ukrainian Hymn Book. This is for use in the Reformed Churches of the Ukraine and also for the use of Ukrainians in Canada. The money is to be taken from the reserve funds.

The total estimate stands, therefore, at $163,177. As indicated, $11,177 is ordered taken from the reserve funds, thus bringing the estimate to $152,000, the amount set.

What a comfort the reserve funds have been to a sorely perplexed Finance Committee! The wisdom of having built up these funds has been proved once more. But the Finance Committee has said to the Council Executive that these funds should not be depleted any more at the present time.

It is hoped that the members will feel that these estimates are satisfactory and that the Council Executive has made the best use possible of the $152,000 at its disposal. This is the last time the estimates will go out passed by the Council Executive alone; the next estimates, those for 1939, will be passed by the Council, when it meets in September 1938.

These figures represent the work the Women's Missionary Society undertakes to do towards the making of a better, happier, and more Christlike world, and should be considered as a contribution of the Presbyterian Church through its women. In the raising of these estimates may each member, old or young, feel she is taking part in a worth-while work which alone will make the kingdoms of this world the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.

ESTIMATES FOR 1938

NATIONAL MISSIONS

HOSPITALS

Hugh Waddell Memorial Hospital, Canora, Sask.—		
Superintendent's Salary	$1,200.00	
Four Nurses' Salaries	2,750.00	
		$3,950.00
Rolland M. Boswell Hospital, Vegreville, Alta.—		
Superintendent's Salary	$1,200.00	
Three Nurses' Salaries	1,800.00	
Repairs	200.00	
		$3,200.00
Rocky Mountain House Hospital, Alta.—		
Superintendent's Salary (half year)	$ 600.00	
Two Nurses' Salaries (half year)	600.00	
Contingency	1,300.00	
		$2,500.00
		$9,650.00

EXPANSION

Completing the Building of Rocky Mountain House Hospital	$7,102.00
	$16,752.00

CHINESE IN CANADA

Montreal, Que.—

Miss Agnes I. Dickson, Salary	$1,000.00	
Expenses and Room Rent	410.00	
Travelling and Substitute	100.00	
Miss Elsie Lee, Salary	360.00	
Mrs. J. Herman, Salary (part time)	420.00	
Equipment	30.00	
Rent of Y.M.C.I.	230.00	
Daily Vacation Bible School	25.00	
		$2,575.00

Toronto, Ont.—

Superintendent's Salary (part time)	$500.00	
Expenses	110.00	
Miss Lily Yeung, Salary	720.00	
Expenses	55.00	
Kindergarten expenses and supplies	140.00	
Rent of Y.M.C.I.	300.00	
Bible Vacation School	20.00	
Mrs. W. F. Adams, Anglo-Chinese Work (part time)	350.00	
Expenses	55.00	
Miss Helena Gibbs, Expenses	55.00	
		$2,305.00

Vancouver, B.C.—

Miss Ruth Yeandle, Salary	$960.00	
Mrs. G. P. Louie, Salary	720.00	
Supplies and Expenses for two workers	250.00	
Rent paid to Chinese Presbyterian Church	200.00	
		$2,130.00

Victoria, B.C.—

Miss G. Scott, Salary	$1,060.00	
Miss Grace Lee, Salary	840.00	
Expenses and Supplies	25.00	
		$1,925.00
		$8,935.00

EDUCATIONAL—PRESBYTERIAN RESIDENCES

Saskatoon, Sask.—

Superintendent's Salary	$900.00	
Local Improvements Tax	60.00	
		$960.00

Huntingdon, Que.—

Superintendent's Salary	$900.00	
Coal and Maintenance	650.00	
		$1,550.00

Vegreville, Alta.—

Superintendent's Salary (Two Residences)	$1,000.00	
House Help	800.00	
Taxes	550.00	
		$2,350.00
		$4,860.00

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

Birtle, Man.—

Principal's Salary	$1,350.00	
Matron's Salary	500.00	
Two Teachers' Salaries	1,300.00	
Assistant Matrons' (three) Salaries	1,500.00	
Nurse's Salary	500.00	
Engineer's Salary	600.00	
Water, Light and Fuel	1,225.00	
Taxes on Farm	63.00	
		$7,038.00

Mistawasis, Sask.—

Teacher's Salary paid by Government	.....	
Board of Children	$ 150.00	
Maintenance and Fuel	300.00	
		$450.00

Cecilia Jeffrey, Kenora, Ont.—

Principal's Salary	$1,350.00	
Matron's Salary	600.00	
Nurse's Salary	720.00	
Three Teachers' Salaries	2,100.00	
Sewing Matron's Salary	500.00	
Engineer's Salary	480.00	
Water, Light and Fuel	900.00	
		$6,650.00
Contingency		75.00
		$14,213.00
Education of two Indian Girls at Missionary and Deaconess Training Home	$1,000.00	
Less Grant from Department of Indian Affairs	330.00	
		$670.00
		$14,883.00

WELCOME AND WELFARE AND DEACONESS DEPARTMENT

Toronto, Ont.—

Miss Mary Murray (hospital visitor) Salary	$1,210.00	
Expenses	110.00	
Mrs. C. Steinmetz, Salary (part time) Hungarian	600.00	
Expenses	57.50	
		$1,977.50

Hamilton, Ont.—

Miss M. Allan, Salary	$1,060.00	
Expenses	110.00	
		$1,170.00

Kirkland Lake, Ont.—		
Miss L. Macarthur, Salary	$1,210.00	
Expenses	110.00	
		$1,320.00
Montreal, Que.—		
Miss Iris Munro, Salary	$1,060.00	
Expenses	110.00	
		$1,170.00
Winnipeg, Man.—		
Miss Hazel Macdonald, Salary	$ 960.00	
Expenses	110.00	
		$1,070.00
Regina, Sask.—		
Miss Helen Ross, Salary	$ 960.00	
Expenses	110.00	
		$1,070.00
Saskatoon, Sask.—		
Miss Mabel Booth, Salary	$ 960.00	
Expenses	110.00	
		$1,070.00
Shaughnessy, Alta.—		
Miss Frieda Matthews, Salary	$ 960.00	
Expenses	165.00	
		$1,125.00
Prestville, Alta.—		
Miss Margaret Grigor, Salary	$ 960.00	
Expenses	250.00	
		$1,210.00
Brownvale, Alta.—		
Miss Gertrude Rollo, Salary	$ 960.00	
Expenses	250.00	
		$1,210.00
Last Lake, Peace River District, Alta.—		
Miss Helen Madill, Salary	$ 960.00	
Expenses	175.00	
		$1,135.00
Pouce Coupe, B.C.—		
Miss Ione Gordon, Salary	$ 960.00	
Expenses	110.00	
		$1,070.00
British Columbia—		
Miss Shirley Scott, Salary	$1,060.00	
Expenses	110.00	
		$1,170.00
Contingency		250.00
		$16,017.50

FRENCH WORK

French Mission Work, Montreal	$300.00

SUPPLIES

Department Expenditure	$1,300.00
TOTAL OF NATIONAL MISSIONS	$63,047.50

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

INDIA

Bhil Field

Salaries—		
Miss Christine Maxwell	$1,000.00	
Miss Isabel McConnell	1,000.00	
Miss Marion Williamson	1,000.00	
Miss Ellen I. Douglas	900.00	
Miss Iris M. Errey	900.00	
Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy	900.00	
Miss Mary Sherrick	834.00	
		$6,534.00
Vacation Allowances		300.00
Furlough		400.00
Evangelistic	$1,497.00	
Educational	5,072.00	
Medical	3,665.00	
Miscellaneous, Repairs, Taxes, Itinerating	950.00	
	$11,184.00	
Reduced	150.00	
		$11,034.00
		$18,268.00

Jhansi Field

Salaries—		
Miss F. I. Stringer	$1,000.00	
Miss A. L. Whatling	1,000.00	
Miss L. A. Simpson	950.00	
Dr. E. H. Thurrott	900.00	
Miss Edith M. Magee	650.00	
		$4,500.00
Vacation Allowances		300.00
Language Study		120.00
Furloughs		800.00
Evangelistic	$1,020.00	
Educational	4,685.00	
Medical	875.00	
Orphanage	662.00	
Miscellaneous, Repairs, Taxes and Itinerating	1,239.00	
	$8,481.00	
Reduced	150.00	
		$8,331.00
		$14,051.00
Grant to Ludhiana Medical College	$ 50.00	
Grant to St. Christopher's Training College	100.00	
		$150.00
TOTAL FOR INDIA		$32,469.00

FORMOSA

Salaries—		
Miss Alma Burdick	$1,000.00	
Miss Ada Adams	1,000.00	
Miss Dorothy Douglas	934.00	
Miss Margaret Ramsay	934.00	
Miss Isabel Taylor	900.00	
Miss Hildur Hermanson	900.00	
Miss Ruth Heighton	850.00	
Miss Mildred Weir	900.00	
Miss Ethel Chisholm	900.00	
		$8,318.00
Mrs. Koa (Special Worker)		500.00
Language Study		1,000.00
Vacation Allowances		525.00
Furlough Allowances		600.00
Travel to and from Japan		200.00
Evangelistic—		
Evangelism	$1,500.00	
Travel	300.00	
Preachers' Wives' Conference	50.00	
		$1,850.00
Educational—		
Women's School Maintenance	$1,000.00	
Kindergarten Maintenance	500.00	
Girls' School, Bursaries	300.00	
		$1,800.00
Miscellaneous, Repairs, Taxes, Rents, Incidentals		$1,500.00
		$16,293.00
Missionaries' Wives, Itinerary Allowance	$ 400.00	
Medical (to be used if required)	500.00	
Expansion	1,000.00	
		$1,900.00
		$18,193.00

CHINA

Manchuria—		
Biblewomen	$ 400.00	
South China—		
Grant to Evangelistic Work under the Church of Christ in China	1,000.00	
		$1,400.00

JAPAN

Salaries—		
Miss Jean MacLean	1,084.00	
Miss Mary E. Anderson	1,050.00	
		$2,134.00
Vacation Allowances		150.00
Biblewomen for Missionaries		720.00
Travel on Field		120.00
Salaries of Biblewomen		3,150.00
Kindergarten Work		1,000.00

Assisting Bible School Students		150.00
Tracts and Bible Vacation Schools		150.00
Public Health Work, Nurse's Salary	500.00	
Expense	100.00	
		$600.00
Pastor Kim, Salary		500.00
		$8,674.00
Reduced		150.00
		$8,524.00

BRITISH GUIANA

Miss Olwen Davies, Salary	$1,000.00	
Vacation Allowance	75.00	
Rent	200.00	
		$1,275.00

TOTAL ESTIMATE FOR OVERSEAS MISSIONS.. $61,861.00

NEW MISSIONARIES

Two Missionaries for Manchuria (under appointment)	$2,450.00

PUBLICATIONS

Literature and ''Glad Tidings''

Salaries	$6,550.00	
Office Rent (part)	933.60	
New Publications, free leaflets and mimeographing	375.00	
Mission Band Leaders' Corner	110.00	
Annual Reports	1,500.00	
Departmental Tabulated Forms	215.00	
Publications Free to Workers	225.00	
		$9,908.60

ORGANIZATION

Miss Lamont, Field Secretary, Salary (9 months)	$1,350.00	
Travelling Expenses	375.00	
Miss L. K. Pelton, Y.W. Travelling Secretary	1,800.00	
Travelling and Incidental Expenses	400.00	
Miss T. Negoro, Assistant Y.W. Travelling Sec'y.	960.00	
Travelling Expenses	100.00	
Miss Violet Tennant, Girls' Work Secretary (part salary)	900.00	
Travelling Expenses	100.00	
Provincial Girls' Camps	100.00	
Grants to Provincials	600.00	
		$6,685.00

STUDENT

Contribution to the Budget of the Mission Council of the Student Christian Movement	$ 100.00	
Subscriptions and Student Magazines and incidentals	10.00	
Education of Chinese Students	1,005.00	
		$1,115.00

CANDIDATES

Department Expenditure (The major part of the expense of this Department is borne by the Ewart Fund)	$100.00

LANTERN SLIDES

Department Expenditure		$75.00

LIBRARY

Department Expenditure		$150.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Exchange	$4,500.00	
Canadian School of Missions	425.00	
Federated Fees, Foreign Missions Conference and Committee on Women's Work, Women's International Union, and International Missionary Council Meeting, Madras	363.00	
Grant to Knox College	100.00	
Grant to Missionary and Deaconess Training Home	100.00	
Mrs. R. Goldwin Smith, Lecturer at the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home	350.00	
Deputation Work	400.00	
Council Meeting	2,000.00	
Pension Rates Paid to the Church	1,200.00	
Missionaries' Retiring Allowances (less interest)	1,400.00	
Insurance	678.00	
Taxes at Prince Albert	235.30	
		$11,751.30

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Publishing Ukrainian Hymn Book (part cost)	$500.00	
Chinese Literature for Saskatchewan	50.00	
Christian Literature for Manchuria	100.00	
Christian Literature Society, Shanghai	100.00	
Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children	250.00	
		$1,000.00

ADMINISTRATION

Salaries	$2,650.00	
Rent (part)	933.60	
Auditing	250.00	
General Expense	1,200.00	
		$5,033.60

SUMMARY

National Missions	$63,047.50	
Overseas Missions	61,861.00	
New Missionaries	2,450.00	
Publications	9,908.60	
Organization	6,685.00	
Student	1,115.00	
Candidates	100.00	
Lantern Slides	75.00	
Library	150.00	
Miscellaneous	11,751.30	
Christian Literature	1,000.00	
Administration	5,033.60	
		$163,177.00

Less amount for Rocky Mountain Hospital to be taken from Reserve Funds	$7,102.00	
Less amount for the education of two Indian students to be taken from Special Indian Fund	670.00	
Less amount for the education of two Chinese students to be taken from the Formosa Forward Movement Fund	1,005.00	
Less amount for missionaries' wives itinerary allowance, medical work and Expansion as shown in Formosa estimate to be taken from the Formosa Reserve Funds	1,900.00	
Less amount for the Publishing of the Ukrainian Hymn Book (part cost) to be taken from the Reserve Funds	500.00	
		$11,177.00
		$152,000.00

The Chinese Bell

(The reference below is to the little bell on the collar of a Chinese cart mule.)

The drowsy tinkle of that little bell
Doth what recall?
A dusty ride along a rutted road,
A plodding mule, a cart with lurching load,
A welcome halt for shelter, rest, and food
At evenfall.

The gentle tinkle of that little bell
What may it mean?
A friendly folk, a landscape brown and blue,
A village hut where gathers one or two,
A hymn, a prayer, a talk 'twixt me and you
Of things unseen.

The mellow tinkle of that little bell
Has ceased. Instead
The angry droning of a buzzing plane
Speaks of the bursting bomb and fiery rain,
The screeching shell and cries of mortal pain,
For peace is dead.

And yet the tinkle of that little bell
Again shall sound,
The sword become the peasant's ploughing share,
The pruning hook be used instead of spear.
When He Whose right it is to reign appear
Peace shall abound.

—A Retired Missionary *(The British Weekly)*

A New Page

WE talk of turning over a new leaf; we mourn the old fouled page, and with relief think of the unwritten page that gives us another chance. It is a new page—but what of the writer? If the new page is to be cleaner, there will have to be a cleaner hand at the writing; if the lines are to be less crabbed, crooked or uncertain, a steadier hand, and behind the hand a less divided will, will have to be at the writing. There will have to be a radical cleansing of the imagination, a renewing of the mind, a change in the motives, a shifting of the viewpoint. Good resolutions at the New Year will continue to be food for sarcasm so long as men and women forget that to take the old self to the new writing is but to repeat in essentials the same pitiful performance. Truth in the inward parts, if truth in the written page! ''Create in me a clean heart, O God! and renew within me a right spirit.''

—*Great Thoughts.*

A Word to Officers

HAVE you accepted an office in Auxiliary, or Presbyterial or Provincial? If so, your aim will be to render efficient service. Your first duty, then, will be to study the constitution of the Society and its by-laws, especially the by-laws relating to the office you are to fill or the department over which you have supervision. Leaflets are available for the guidance of leaders in all departments. Nothing so promotes the harmonious working of any organization as a staff of officers who have a thorough understanding of their duties.

The retiring officer in any department should pass on to her successor all literature relating to the department. The experience and the information that she has gained during her term of office would be very helpful to the one following her in the work.

I looked far out upon the snow-bound waste,
The lifting hills and intersecting forests,
The scarce marked courses of the buried streams,
And as I looked lost memory of the frost,
Transfixed with wonder, overborne with joy,
I saw them in their silence and their beauty,
Swept by the sunset's rapid hand of fire.

—*Lampman.*

Prayer

ETERNAL Father, who maketh all things new, yet abideth ever the same, grant us so to pass through this coming year with hearts faithful to Thee that we may spend all our days in Thy service and in all things do Thy loving will. We give Thee thanks for the year that is past and for Thy goodness in bringing us to this new one with all its opportunities of service. We ask not for any lessening in opportunity but for greater power for the tasks which Thou hast given us to do. Impart to us that wisdom which comes only from Thee.

Let Thy benediction rest upon the services of our missionaries, in our own land and in the regions beyond. Grant them an abundant harvest of souls for Thy Kingdom and guide others to dedicate their lives to this gracious labour.

Bless our Society and give wisdom and strength to our President and other office-bearers. Prosper us in all that we undertake for the advancement of Thy Kingdom. Let Thy grace reign in all our members' hearts, that greater works may yet glorify Thee. Fill us with the spirit of our Master, so that we shall lose self in the wonder of our service for Him. Help us to live in the power of His resurrection and by the miracle of His love and grace.

We earnestly beseech Thee for an outpouring of Thy Holy Spirit upon our whole Church. May she be so guided and governed that men shall be raised up to lift the banner of the Cross of Christ before the world.

We commend our entire country to Thee at this time. O Lord, remember not against us our former iniquities, but blot out the stain of our sins and lead us as a people out of darkness into the marvellous light of the Son of God. Let Thy mercies abide with us in the perils of the present and defend us through the days that are yet to be. These blessings we ask to the glory of Thy Holy Name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be still the leaven
That spreading in this dull and clodded earth
Gives it a touch ethereal—a new birth.

—*Keats.*

St. Christopher's Training College, Madras

Published at the request of the American Section of the Governing Branch of St. Christopher's Training College.

ST. Christopher's Training College in Madras, India, is not well known in America. . . . Yet the college is not new. It was opened in 1923. Eleven of the twelve students in its first class were graduates of the Women's Christian College of Madras, of which the Training College was an offshoot.

St. Christopher's has met a very special need. Among all the fine schools and colleges in India there was not one for the specific training of Christian women teachers of higher grade. The need created the reality. Five American church boards, five British boards and the International Order of King's Daughters and Sons now contribute to the support of the college—a notable example of interdenominational and international co-operation.

At present the college has nearly a hundred students in training, a staff of six professors—two British, one American, three Indian with American or English degrees—several local lecturers, and a practise school on an adjoining campus, of over four hundred girls.

In addition to the regular curriculum and practise work there has been developed an extremely interesting social work among the "chari" or slum children. Miss Helen Scudder, American member of the staff, now spending her sabbatical year in specialized study in America, gives a lively picture of Christmas events arranged by St. Christopher's students:

"There were games and singing and the sweetest little play with a Mary and Joseph sitting with a real live calf and a baby goat gazing into a manger. Then the little shepherds and wise men came and, after them, a group of children bringing gifts, one saying 'Here is my ball for the Christ child', another giving plantains, a wee girl bringing a gay calico jacket, others marbles, a top, a football. One little fellow, who really looked hungry and miserable, stood up and said: 'Aiyo! What can I give? I have nothing', and the students from the college sang in Tamil the Rossetti Christmas Carol:

"What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part—
Yet what I can I give Him—give my heart.

"For the Christmas service on Sunday the students spent hours decorating the chapel, covering all the bare posts with asoka leaves, twining wild asparagus wherever it could go, banking the front with ferns and poinsettias, and hanging garlands of chrysanthemums wherever possible.

''We had little oil lamps burning along the walls, and it looked perfectly beautiful. We all lined up outside under the Tamarind tree with candles and marched in singing 'O Come All Ye Faithful'. It was a beautiful service. I was so glad because many of our students go back to rather dreary little places where they don't have much beauty at Christmas time.'' Such school events will always remain an inspiration.

For twelve years St. Christopher's graduates have been going out into India as experienced workers, giving practical evidence of the value of the school. Well-trained, well-poised Christian leaders, they hold positions of importance in large centres as well as in rural sections and depressed communities.

The college has been heartily commended by visiting Commissions—in particular, the Commission on Christian Higher Education in India, whose report emphasizes ''the great importance of the work undertaken by this college'' and ''the hope that it will be strengthened in every possible way.'' Surely such an institution is worthy of wider interest and support, . . . that it may go on in full strength to meet the unprecedented educational opportunity of India's new day.

(The Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada makes a yearly grant of $100 to St. Christopher's.—Editor).

Publications Department

By Margaret Ness

SO many requests come to this office for material on our own fields and about our own missionaries that the Committee has decided to provide such material—loan it, not sell it—at a small charge to cover postage and wear and tear.

At present a packet on our work among the Indians of Canada and one on our Hospital work in Canada are ready. With each request for such material 15 cents should be sent. As only six packets of each have been arranged so far, it is asked that the material be kept only two weeks at most. There is also type-written information about the Bhils which can be sent for 10c. And for those wishing to know about our Korean work in Japan there is a printed leaflet at 7c.

Further packets will be arranged, but until then general information on other fields can be supplied at any time. Would those asking for it please enclose 10c?

Then, too, the Biography loose-leaf book is proving quite popular. Eight pictures, with the accompanying biographies, cost 50c; if the hard cover is wanted, an extra 17c should be added. Individual biographies cost 10c each. The biographies already released include those of Miss Murray, Miss Dickson, Miss B. M. MacMurchy, Miss Davies, Miss Todd, Miss Macarthur, Miss Anderson, Miss Chisholm, Miss Taylor, Miss Munro, Miss Ellen Douglas, Miss Magee, and one of Mrs. Gehman and Miss Gibbs together.

May we draw attention to three things that will aid the Publications Department in its routine work? (1) When possible, would those ordering books verify the prices before sending the order and money to their Provincial Secretary or to us? Book lists will be forwarded on request free of charge. (2) When books are ordered direct from this office, would the purchasers please either remit the amount to us or, if paying their own or the Provincial Literature Secretary, notify us? As Presbyterial and Provincial Secretaries do not render monthly accounts to us, we may send two or three statements to the person who ordered the book before we discover that the money has already been paid to a Literature Secretary. Every statement that has to be sent out means a 3-cent postage deduction from our very small profit on each transaction. (3) If literature ordered is not received within a week, please notify us. Orders are filled promptly, or a letter of explanation is sent. A number of parcels have gone astray in the mails and, if we are not notified until months later that a parcel has not arrived, the postal authorities cannot then do much in the way of tracing the missing parcel.

Everyone must read **Goforth of China**, by Mrs. Goforth. In the 365 pages Dr. Goforth's life and work has been divided into four parts: his early life 1859-87, China to the Boxer Rebellion 1888-90, return to Honan 1901-25, Manchuria 1925-36. Price $2.25.

I Will Build My Church

BY DOROTHY KIRKPATRICK

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"LET us organize". After every summer vacation we hear groups using this expression. The Church of to-day is organized into a great number of groups. Each group feels the importance of the work it is trying to do and unfortunately is prone to feel that its task is more important than that of any other group. The members often feel hurt that the other groups do not realize this and give them the honour that is due. Again they feel their meetings should have precedence over any others and fail to recognize the rights of all the other groups that are a part of the Church family.

The lack of knowledge of the purposes of other groups is expressed in the following remarks.

A lady in the congregation speaking of the teen-age groups—''They come here every week. Often they bring their supper. It means scalloped potatoes and all kinds of food. Such quantities as they eat! It's a lot of fuss and noise and I don't know what they gain from it.''

A teen-age girl's reply to the question, ''What are the W.A. (or Ladies' Aid) and the W.M.S.?''

''The W.A. is the older women's group in our Church. They sew, have bazaars, and they own the Church dishes. If we are allowed to use them, and break them—woe betide us.

''The Missionary Society raises money for missions. We affiliated with them this year because all the groups did last year and they expected us to do it again.''

Let us think for a moment of our purpose as members of any Church group.

The members of the early Church met for fellowship; they were a group because, through intimate knowledge of Jesus, they understood His way of living; they were fired with zeal that impelled them to labour joyfully to spread this knowledge.

I do not believe that the purpose of Church groups of to-day should be different. We, too, need fellowship, understanding of the principles of Jesus, and a zeal that makes our work in our group a labour of love. Each one of us realizes how far our group falls short of the full purpose; hence, the above inadequate ideas about other organizations.

If we are going to contribute to the true spirit of the Church, we must become conversant with the aims and purposes of the other groups, and we must take time not only to plan for the work of our own group but for the Church as a whole.

The church is ours. Each group will need time that it can call its own. Each has financial responsibilities; planning will be necessary for all to achieve their objectives. There will be special occasions when some groups will want extra time in the church. There should be a representative group that will deal with necessary changes due to Church or holiday festivals, so that the rights of all groups will be respected.

The spirit of true co-operation will make us aware of the needs of all the members of our Church family. It will help us to realize that additions to the Church property provided by one organization benefit all, and that the members of each group should feel as much responsibility for caring for such property as if they themselves had purchased it.

Is it too much to dream that some day (not very far distant) we shall primarily think of the teen-age girls of our Church as people who are, week by week, being trained to take their places adequately in life; that we who are older shall take a definite responsibility for these girls; that the Women's Associations will be represented on a committee that will assume responsibility for enlisting from their own ranks people who will share in the leadership of the girls in their own church; and that we shall share in the expense of training leaders for teen-age groups by contributing to a fund to send leaders to summer training camps and standard schools?

Perhaps the greatest gift of all to the teen-age girls of our Church would be that we take time to know them, so that they may have the opportunity of knowing us as individuals, and that our understanding of the principles of Jesus be so expressed in life that they will find joy in such a companionship. They may not ask for our leadership to-morrow; they are eager for it now. ''We give but little when we give of our possessions. It is when we give of ourselves that we truly give.''

Dare we dream that all will think of the women's missionary organization as a group that is helping make their Church conscious of the need for Christian fellowship as the basis for world fellowship; that all recognize their contribution to our knowledge of our Church and its work through the literature they prepare for women's and girls' groups in the Church?

Our Church decided on a novel plan for the affiliation of the teen-age girls with the women's missionary organization. Each teen-age girl was adopted by a member of the Society. This lady was termed ''a mystery mother''. The mystery mother wrote to her daughter telling her about the study book that had been especially prepared for the girls' groups. A card or small gift was sent at Christmas; another letter; then came the night when all the ''mystery mothers'' and daughters met. They shared in a programme, both mothers and girls taking part. Then came the affiliation service when they linked their hands and hearts together in thinking of the world need for Christ and His teachings. To that group affiliation became a thing of the spirit and friendships were deepened.

Too long have members of the women's missionary organization been considered as people whose one interest was ''folks far away'' and whose financial assistance was for them and not for our Church as well.

We dream that the teen-age girls of our Church will recognize the members of the women's associations as a group who are their personal friends; that affiliation with the women's missionary organization would be an experience not for one night in the year, but for always; that through the study and association the girls would get a vision of the far horizons—people everywhere recognizing the oneness of the Christian way of living.

One C.G.I.T. Department made its annual banquet a vivid expression of the common purpose of the various groups of the Church. The tables were arranged in a single large circle, with the guests, one representative from each organization in the Church, placed at regular intervals between the mothers and daughters. Each guest gave a very brief statement of the purpose of the group he represented and, as he concluded, a golden cord was passed in a loop from him through that held by the previous speaker. When each had spoken the circle was united by a golden chain, of which each organization made one link; surely a good symbol.

OUR LETTER BOX

New Experiences at a Bible School

Canadian Presbyterian Mission,
Szepingkai, Manchuria.

IT is, most certainly, very important to study the Chinese language, but, after concentrating on that for two years, it is much more fun to get out among the people and see some of the real missionary work that is being done.

Last week I had my first experience of taking bedding and food supplies to a distant small town, where Mrs. Davis and some of the Bible-women were holding a three-weeks' Bible school for the local women. I arrived after dark, to discover that my bedding would not arrive until the next day. Kindly Chinese offered me bedding of their own, which was generous of them. I slept on a hard, heated brick *kang*—the Chinese bed—and roasted most of the night.

An early morning prayer-meeting was held each day at six o'clock, but classes did not start until half-past nine, giving the some forty women in attendance time to prepare and eat their morning meal. Classes continued until two o'clock, but the time was generously broken with the singing of Gospel choruses, a game period, and tea-drinking. At two, when the day's classes were ended, the women scattered, again to prepare a meal, their second and last for the day; for the Chinese eat but two meals a day. Mrs. Davis and I ate but the two meals, too, but before nightfall I found myself searching eagerly for some fruit or crackers.

The women enjoyed games of all kinds, and while the older ones were rather slow at ''drop the handkerchief'', some of the younger ones could run as fast as any Canadian girl.

My own Chinese is still too halting to permit me to make any contribution of value, but I did make the longest speech in my Chinese history (fifteen minutes long), in the Hygiene course, on how to care for children. The next day, in the same course, I spoke on the dangers of spitting and, as I did so, the women, nodding in agreement, were spitting on the floor almost continually!

I was able to lead one of the short Chapel services, too, being able to announce a hymn and read a Scripture lesson from the Gospel of John

(John being my present course of study), and the Lord's Prayer. To forget the Chinese words in the middle of the prayer makes no difference, for, once the Chinese have started, they all continue at their own speed to the end, and any leader is left behind by some of the more rapid ones.

As I read Mrs. Dickson's account of the ''Second Preachers' Wives' Conference'' in the October *Glad Tidings*, I was struck by the contrast between their beautiful surroundings, ''green lawns stretching down to the river, the mountains beyond'' and the unrelieved, flat, mud view of Tungliao. All the homes are of one story; all are made of mud and surrounded by mud walls. The roads are inches thick with dust, so that when the wind blows one can hardly see or breathe for the thick air; no trees or grass grow to offer relief. The little church is mud, too, with a mud floor. But in spite of such drab surroundings, and, needed perhaps even more because of them, the little Bible school opened to some for the first time the art of reading, to others the joy of Christian fellowship, and, on all, shed the light of the Gospel, giving beauty and colour to hold within each individual life.

—*(Mrs. E. M.) Catharine Johnson.*

Fine Korean Workers

Kobe, Japan.

I AM going to Nagoya on Saturday and plan to stay for ten days. Nurse Lee is coming along with me for her first trip to Nagoya and we hope that she may be able to speak to a number of groups of women as well as visit any sick who may need her advice. . . . I always hoped to go while Kim Chong Ai was there, but did not manage that. She recently married the minister of a large church in the north of Korea. The Biblewoman in her place is Miss Soon Sil Lee who was Kindergarten teacher at Imamiya for three years and, indeed, up until it closed last year. She is a Bible School graduate of Pyeng Yang and is a very fine girl. We were all sorry when she went back to Korea after Kindergarten closed, but were overjoyed when she came back as a Biblewoman.

Last Saturday I had a teachers' meeting and, although two of them could not come, the rest of us had a fine time. The girls each gave a report of their work for the past term and then we talked over some difficulties. They came at two o'clock and after we had finished tea and did some more talking it was six o'clock. As they get together only every two months, there is always a lot to discuss. Every year I seem to think that we have the finest group ever and this year I feel that, too. I seem to get closer to the group we have now, though I do not see them as often as I used to. All the kindergartens have more children this year than ever. Miss Kang, who is taking kindergarten training in a school in Kobe, is permitted to do one morning's practical work each week in one of our schools, and we are having her go to Moribe. She has grown up in the Tongbo church in Osaka and her father is an elder and her mother is president of the W.M.S. in that church. She is a fine girl and I just wish we might have some place for her to work when she graduates next spring.

—*Jean MacLean.*

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. John D. Holman, *Secretary*

LOOKING FORWARD

By Miss T. Negoro

THE New Year—renewed efforts, new plans, fresh beginnings! A time for stock-taking and thus on to heroic resolves. Some of us, however, are perhaps a little relieved to thrust the past hastily behind us—that past with its promises unfulfilled, things half done or badly done, obligations which we, as members of a group, carried a little too lightly or not at all, the unthinking readiness to be a dead load instead of a live asset.

But life has too many resources, too many claims, for us to linger upon the backward look; it has too many privileges to be wasted on a mere fresh spurt at the beginning of the year. So, in spite of the impatience that the thought of good resolutions arouses in most of us, let us, in the future, take our allegiance to the Women's Missionary Society rather more seriously, with a long, decisive stress upon a sustained and steady pull that will take us over the top in membership and allocation, remembering that where we fail, somewhere, someone—it may be a young woman, a small child—will have to suffer. In a world that daily grows smaller and more crowded, we find ourselves living on one another's doorsteps, which means that our smallest actions and our smallest offerings can serve as links to bind us in brotherhood under the divine Fatherhood of God. Thus, a financial deficit results in a spiritual deficit in the scope of our work, and, therefore, our individual failures affect the life, health and happiness of other individuals.

With these things in mind, may we remember that the Christmas lesson of giving can bear very worth-while fruit in the intelligent offering of time, prayer, money, interest, clear thinking and alert enthusiasm. Surely these are the least things that any organization demands! How much more important it all becomes when we realize that an increase of the neighbourly spirit in all the common ways of life flows through the sensitive channels of missionary service, fellowship, and loyalty. Once again, with all the resources at our command, plus the saving grace of humour, gaiety, imagination, and in the spirit of adventure and rededication, let us face up to the eternal challenge in our work, of individual and group responsibility.

> Life is too short to waste
> In critic peep or cynic bark,
> Quarrel or reprimand:
> 'Twill soon be dark.
> Up! mind thine own aim, and
> God speed the mark!
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> —*Emerson.*

Two Suggested Sources for Y.W. Worship Services

Lord, Teach us to Pray, by Emma Bailey Speer. A series of devotional talks on Prayer in its relation to Work, Play, Thought, Love, Meditation, with good illustrative material, and a series of worship services on the same themes.

Programs for Women's Organizations in Presbyterian Churches. Contains a unit of four worship services on ''Discipleship'' and six worship and study programmes on ''Churchwomen and a Christian World Community''. These worship and study programmes are correlated and seek to make women conscious of their responsibility, as Christian citizens, for the solution of the social and economic problems of present-day society. For groups desiring a simple programme with a modern and vital point of view, these are excellent. They may be adapted for Y.W. meetings by substituting or adding material on our own work, national or overseas.

Also, a *Book and Play List,* containing suggestions for studies based on various missionary books, may be had upon request.

All orders for study charts, book lists, Y.W. literature, etc. should be sent to Miss T. Negoro, Room 700, 372 Bay St., Toronto, Ont. Please make all money orders payable to the *Secretary of Publications.*

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. John Kelman, *Secretary*

Dear Leaders and Girls:

THIS is a time when people usually make resolutions. Unfortunately, most of these resolutions do not live very long; they are broken and die before the year is old. I think that we should all take stock at this time, look at our ledger to see where we went wrong, and resolve that at least we shall not make the same mistakes again. There are some resolutions we should make as a guide to future living. Here is a little poem which has for its theme such resolutions as I should like our girls to take for a motto in 1938.

Resolve

To keep my health!
To do my work!
To live!
To see to it I grow and gain and give!
Never to look behind me for an hour!
To wait in weakness, and to walk in power;
But always fronting onward to the light,
Always and always facing towards the right.
Robbed, starved, defeated, fallen, wide astray—
On, with what strength I have!
Back to the way!

—Charlotte Perkins Gilman, in *This our World.*

Already we are half-way through our season's work. Some of you will be elated because you have succeeded beyond your expectations; some, again, will be discouraged because the work has been hard and the results have fallen far short of what you hoped for. May I congratulate those who have done well? And to those who are disappointed with the result of their efforts I would say, ''Be of good cheer; the work you have done is not lost and will yet bear fruit; carry on in faith and hope, and your labour will have its reward.''

On another page of this magazine you will find the estimates for this year. Estimates are usually dry reading and most people avoid them. In this case it is not so; our estimates carry the very breath of romance and adventure. Here you will find the scope of our work outlined, and what a picture it gives! The far-flung, lonely places of the homeland, India, Formosa, the islands of the sea! Here we are given a bird's-eye view of the work of which we are a part and in which we have an interest. The estimates are to us a challenge and a reminder of our responsibility as members of the C.G.I.T. and a part of a great Church in which the emphasis has always been on the missionary enterprise.

To each and all of our leaders and girls my best wishes for a very happy and prosperous New Year!

MISSION BANDS

Mrs. A. R. Riddell, *Secretary*

NEW YEAR BELLS

OLD Father Time sat on the very top of the world. Beside him stood his youngest son, the New Year. The boy was very anxious to be away, but Father Time laid a restraining hand on his arm and said, ''Wait patiently, my son; in a few minutes the world will welcome you with joy. What gift will you take with you for its people?''

"A new year with three hundred and sixty-five days in it, and a fresh start for everyone," replied the boy.

The Old Year came slowly home to Father Time, and, as the latter put his hand out to welcome him, the New Year slipped away, down to the earth.

Even there, at the top of the world, the sounds of rejoicing could be heard. People in all parts of the earth were welcoming the New Year. Different countries had different ways of celebrating, but in almost every one the people could be heard wishing their friends a Happy New Year.

As the echoes of "Happy New Year" in many different languages reached the top of the world, Father Time turned to the Old Year and said, "My son, did you find much happiness in the world as you travelled through it?"

"Not very much," the Old Year answered. "Many of the people have not yet learned the secret of happiness."

Just then, through all the noise, there could be clearly heard the ringing of the bells of the Christian churches in many parts of the world. As they rang out their New Year's greeting, they seemed to be saying "*Loving — Serving — Loving — Serving.*" Father Time turned to his son. "That is the secret of happiness," he said. "When all the peoples of the world have heard the message of the church bells it will be Happy New Year."

RUSTLING LEAVES

"Now what is that noise?" said the glad New Year.
"Now what is that singular sound I hear?
As if all the paper in all the world
Were rattled and shaken and twisted and twirled!"

"Oh, that," said the jolly old Earth, "is the noise
Of all my children, both girls and boys,
A-turning over their leaves so new,
And all to do honour, New Year, to you."

—Richards in *The King's Builders*, Lutheran Boys and Girls.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

Ontario

Barrie P.S.—Mrs. M. W. Heslip, Penetanguishene.
Stratford P.S.—Mrs. G. P. Duncan, Toronto, formerly of Stratford.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

Alberta

Edmonton P.S.—Associate Society, Thomasville; Associate Society, Riverside, B.C.

Ontario

Toronto P.S.—Y.W. Auxiliary, Fairbank, Toronto.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. C. E. JAMIESON, 1610 12TH AVE., W., CALGARY, PRESS SECRETARY

EDMONTON P.S.—At the semi-annual meeting of the Presbyterial in October, Rev. L. L. Young, of Kobe, Japan, spoke, and showed slides depicting the beauty of the country. He emphasized the need of money to build churches; the fields are ready to harvest, and the power of God to overcome difficulties has been very evident. Reports presented showed results of capable leadership, each department a unit but all combined in a great work. The Executive regrets the resignation of Mrs. T. Dodds, its very efficient secretary for several years. Mrs. T. Buckhorn has been appointed to fill the vacancy. Mrs. Ross K. Cameron, wife of the pastor of First Church, was welcomed at a recent Executive meeting, at which Miss Laura Pelton gave a short address on the gravity of the situation in the foreign fields at the present time.

Mrs. Sykes, Provincial President, at the Thank-offering meeting of First Church Auxiliary, stressed the importance of daily individual giving of thanks, closing her address with the question, ''What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits unto me?'' and the answer, ''I will take the cup of salvation.'' This meeting was of special interest, too, because a number of Home Helpers were present, two of them taking part. Mrs. MacMicking, who was welcomed back after her long absence in Ontario, reviewed the W.M.S. work in a very delightful way, likening it to a garden: from various paths we viewed the planting of the faith, beginning in eastern Canada and ending in India, where we were left with the thought, ''What shall the harvest be?''

On their way in and out of the north country through this ''Gateway of the North'', Miss Grigor, Miss Rollo, Miss Gordon, and Miss Todd were welcome guests of Edmonton members, and Miss Todd was speeded on her way overseas with a gift of money to make the journey more pleasant.

Macleod P.S.—Granum and Jumbo Valley held their Thank-offering meeting in Granum Church in October. Mrs. McClenaghan, of Lethbridge, was the special speaker, and this Auxiliary, as well as Macleod, where Mrs. McClenaghan also gave her report of the Enlarged Council Executive meeting, learned a great deal and received much inspiration from her presentation of the work accomplished throughout the organization.

Calgary P.S.—St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Calgary, report two very helpful addresses at recent meetings: one, by Mrs. R. H. Williams on the work and value of the missionary intercessor, had a special bearing on our work from the spiritual side, while Mrs. C. Bearisto, at the Thank-offering meeting, told of incidents in a friend's life illustrating the love of an overflowing heart; every appeal made to him was ''another opportunity''.

Knox Auxiliary, Calgary, had 25 members at their last meeting, when Miss Pelton spoke on the encouraging features of the work among the Chinese, in the Indian schools, and in the School Residences. For the Thank-offering this Auxiliary held a special evening meeting, at which Rev. Mr. Titcombe, of the Soudan Interior Mission, showed slides.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. W. J. SMITH, BOX 138, ARMSTRONG, PRESS SECRETARY

The following resolution was presented to the Provincial Executive.

> ''With profound sorrow we record the death on October 28th of the Synodical Missionary of the Synod of British Columbia of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Rev. R. J. Douglas, D.D. The Provincial Executive desire to place on record their thankfulness to God for his consecrated life of service.
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> ''As a W.M.S. we would acknowledge the many unrecorded kindnesses of the late Dr. Douglas and the gracious tributes he paid in his official addresses throughout the Synod.
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> ''The Provincial would extend to Mrs. Douglas, to Miss Ellen Douglas, our missionary in India, and to the sons, their sincere and heartfelt sympathy, well knowing that to them the loss and sorrow are indeed the greatest, and they pray that God, whose love and mercy are infinite, would comfort their sorrowing hearts, would uphold and strengthen them, helping them to rest in the promise that 'them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him', and that for them and for their beloved one there will be the blessed and happy reunion in the Father's house of many mansions.
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> '' 'I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.' ''

Victoria P.S.—At a very successful Presbyterial rally in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, in October, Mrs. R. M. Thomson, Provincial President, gave an inspiring report of the Enlarged Council Executive meeting and Mrs. Reid, of Montreal, for several years with the Zenana Mission in India, told some interesting incidents in her missionary life. An Honorary Membership was presented to Mrs. R. A. Brown, for many years a revered member of the W.M.S., and, in her 80th year, still an active worker.

Mrs. Reid also spoke at St. Paul's Auxiliary Thank-offering meeting on ''Women's Indebtedness to Christianity'', contrasting the freedom enjoyed by women in Christian lands with the lot of those of India. Referring to the earnestness of the Indian woman in her worship of idols, she urged all to be as faithful. At a special meeting of St. Paul's Mission Band in October Mrs. J. A. Kennedy, Presbyterial Mission Band Secretary, presented a Junior membership to Marie Kerr, who though just eleven, has an almost perfect record for attendance for seven years.

At the Thank-offering meeting of Knox Auxiliary, Victoria, Rev. Mr. Davy, of the Unevangelized Lands Mission of Liberia, spoke on his work there and showed interesting lantern slides. At the November meeting plans were made to meet the allocation.

Kootenay P.S.—In October St. Stephen's Auxiliary, Creston, held a special Thank-offering service in the church, which the C.G.I.T. and the Mission Band had tastefully decorated with grain, autumn leaves, fruit and flowers. Mrs. Dow gave a very earnest address from the text, ''Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you''. The choir and C.G.I.T. provided special music and Patsy Forbes of the Mission Band gave a monologue, ''The Family Mite-box''. Two Mission Band girls took up the collection. As St. Stephen's has no minister at present, the Auxiliary felt greatly encouraged by the large attendance and the words of commendation from the congregation for bringing together young and old in this harvest thanksgiving.

Westminster P.S.—To the fall rally of the Presbyterial, in Robertson Church, Vancouver, in charge of Mrs. D. A. Fowlie, Dr. Esler brought greetings from the congregation, and Mrs. R. M. Thomson from the Provincial Board. Dr. W. A. Cameron introduced Mr. Hudson, of an American Presbyterian Mission in South China, delayed by war conditions on his way back to his field, who, in his address, dealt with various motives for missionary evangelism.

The co-operation among its various groups which is an outstanding feature of St. Stephen's, North Vancouver, was demonstrated at the Thank-offering service in which the Mission Band, the Young Women's Auxiliary and choir took part. A short play, ''The Hanging of the Sign'', was well acted by young girls. Miss Shirley Scott, deaconess, gave an address on ''Illumined Windows'', likening lives to memorial windows in a church, things of beauty and light with the sun and light of day shining through, but at night so drab, uninteresting and uninspiring. Touching reference was made to the passing of our beloved Dr. R. J. Douglas that day and tribute paid to his daughter Ellen, then on shipboard returning to India.

At the Thank-offering meeting of Robertson and St. Stephen's Auxiliaries, Vancouver, Miss Jessie Morrice, North Vancouver, a member of the Provincial Board, gave an address on ''Reasons for Thanksgiving'', which well deserved the appreciation of her audience.

We have often spoken of Vancouver's enviable position as port of entry and departure for missionaries. Fairview Auxiliary had the privilege recently of having Mrs. Patterson, of the Southern Presbyterian Mission of the United States in China, speak to them of her work in establishing Christian homes through the operation of a Bible School, to which women from rural districts came in spring and fall. Twelve women were housed in cabins and from that small beginning came the five two-storey buildings of to-day. These homes are in embryo a Christian young China. As always the home is the centre of all.

MANITOBA

MRS. GEORGE REYNOLDS, 218 YOUNG ST., WINNIPEG, PRESS SECRETARY

BRANDON P.S.—Brandon Presbyterial reports with a deep sense of loss the passing of Mrs. M. G. Abey, of Brandon, on the 28th October. Born in Belmont, Ontario, in 1862, she taught in Ontario, where she organized one of the first Mission Bands, then in Alberta, after her marriage moving to Brandon. Active in temperance and Y.M.C.A. work, it was through her Church that she mainly gave herself to the service of others, work among children being her absorbing passion. In 1895 she was very active in the organization of First Presbyterian Church, and executive ability of a high order, strength of character, energy and earnestness of purpose combined to make her a valuable worker in the reorganization of the Church and the W.M.S. in 1925. She gave strength, talents, and gifts to the work of Sunday School and Women's Missionary Society. For long a valued officer of Brandon Presbyterial she was Supply Secretary until failing health compelled her to resign in 1935. The Elizabeth L. Abey Mission Band, organized since 1925, bears her name. Her generous gifts to the Bhil Mission, India, to establish the M. G. Abey Memorial Nursing Home at Amkhut, to Knox College for scholarships, and to the Frontier College, will leave a fragrant memory not only to her family, but to scores of friends and, more especially, to many struggling students. Those associated with her in the early days attribute their present interest in missionary work to her encouragement and example. Her name will be honoured as of one who was obedient to the heavenly vision. ''Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these little ones, ye did it unto me.'' The funeral service on November 2nd was conducted by Rev. J. F. Wedderburn. Members of First Church Auxiliary and Brandon Presbyterial attended as a body, as did the Mission Band executive.

Superior P.S.—Superior Presbyterial met in St. Andrew's Church, Fort William, Miss Smellie presiding, to pay tribute to the memory of Mrs. D. L. Cranston. After a minute's silence and prayer by Mrs. Ballantyne, Mrs. Delbridge spoke feelingly of Mrs. Cranston. A letter of condolence was read from Manitoba Provincial.

Miss Smellie spoke to St. Andrew's Y.W.A., Fort William, of her visit to the Cecilia Jeffrey School, Kenora, remarking on its order and efficiency. First Church Y.W.A., Port Arthur, made Miss Elizabeth Dobie a Life Member of the Women's Missionary Society, in grateful recognition of her co-operation in the Auxiliary. Group study is proving very satisfactory. Miss Smellie met the Willing Talent Workers at a meeting in First Church, West Fort William.

The Thank-offering meeting of First Church Auxiliary, Port Arthur, took the form of a social evening in honour of Rev. J. A. McMahon's eleventh anniversary as their minister and of Rev. Mr. Flook's coming into the Presbytery as minister of First Church, West Fort William.

Winnpeg P.S.—At the Thank-offering meeting of Knox Auxiliary, Stonewall, on November 4th, Mrs. J. McCallum, of St. James, spoke on ''Christianity at the Cross Roads in 1937''. A very generous offering was taken. The Golden Sheaf Mission Band, First Church, Winnipeg, at the Thank-offering meeting on November 20th, presented a splendid programme of songs and recitations, thanks to the untiring zeal of the superintendent, Mrs. G. M. Williamson. Mrs. H. K. Johnston, a missionary of the Irish Presbyterian Church in Manchukuo, home on furlough, gave a most interesting address on the customs of Japanese, Koreans and Chinese, referring especially to the children. Some costumes and footwear were displayed by Mrs. Johnston's two children and others.

ONTARIO

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ST. ANDREW'S Auxiliary, Strathroy, Sarnia Presbyterial, celebrated its Golden Jubilee. Mrs. W. J. Jordan, Toronto, led in the devotional exercises. Among messages read was a marconigram from Miss McAdam, London, England. Mrs. T. W. Douglas reviewed the history of the Auxiliary and Mrs. B. D. Marwick, Cochrane, pictured most vividly life in New Ontario. Rev. A. G. Scott, Arkona, brought greetings from Sarnia Presbytery. Past Presidents of the Auxiliary presided at tea. Inspiring Thank-offering addresses were given throughout Sarnia Presbyterial. To St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Sarnia, Rev. E. A. Wright, Wallaceburg, brought first-hand information of the work in Northern Alberta. At a joint meeting of Cuthbertson, Pioneer and Daughters of the King Y.W. Auxiliaries, in St. Andrew's, Wyoming, Mrs. D. Ritchie, Point Edward, spoke on the ''Ideal Woman''. In Camlachie Rev. and Mrs. James Milroy, of Paterson Memorial, Sarnia, presented in lantern slides and story our work in British Guiana. ''Worship and Sacrifice'' was the subject of Miss M. Cowan's address to Corunna, Mooretown and Bear Creek Auxiliaries. Aberarder Auxiliary was greatly privileged in having Rev. W. M. Mackay, Synodical Missionary for Manitoba and Northern Ontario, as special speaker. Mrs. John D. Holman, Toronto, gave a vivid picture of our national missions to St. Andrew's Evening Auxiliary, Sarnia. That Auxiliary reports an interesting meeting, too, with Mrs. McLean, Sarnia, giving a talk on her trip abroad and the Coronation; an offering was received for the Retiring Fund for Missionaries. Forest Auxiliary enjoyed an address on ''Women of the Bible'' given by Mrs. Wenger, Mitchell. At Paterson Memorial, Sarnia, Rev. Ross Adams, Corunna, told of his experiences as a student missionary in Northern Ontario, and a group of small girls presented a play, ''Story of the Mite-box''. Beechwood Mission Band gave an outstanding programme on the theme, ''To Win the World for Christ'', with hymns, stories, flag and Coronation services.

At the celebration of the thirty-sixth anniversary of West Huntingdon Auxiliary, Kingston Presbyterial, 76 registered. Miss Fleming related the ''Story of the Years'', and Mrs. W. A. Hunter, Madoc, Presbyterial President, gave a vivid description of British Guiana. At tea two charter members, Mrs. H. Rollins and Mrs. G. Post, lighted the candles on the birthday cake and the former cut the cake. Roses were placed on the table by Miss Annie Fleming in memory of her mother and other deceased members.

Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, Reg.N., gave a graphic description of her work in Jobat, India, and Mrs. K. N. Cooper, Presbyterial President, spoke on China, at Penetanguishene and Thornbury-Clarksburg, Barrie Presbyterial. At the latter Mrs. Allan Reoch also spoke of her work in Manchuria, basing her remarks on the words, ''There is no other name given under Heaven whereby we may be saved .'' At Meaford, with Thornbury-Clarksburg members as guests, Miss MacMurchy was the speaker, and Mrs. J. A. MacInnes at the Thank-offering meeting of Collingwood Y.W.A. Sectional meetings No. 2 and 3 of Barrie Presbyterial were well attended; Mrs. Allan Reoch and Mrs. K. N. Cooper spoke at Creemore; at Schomberg Mrs. Reoch and Miss MacMurchy brought inspiring messages concerning the work of their respective fields. To the Collingwood Auxiliary Miss MacMurchy gave an address illustrated with 100 slides depicting the work at Jobat, and six girls, in costumes she brought, added great interest.

In Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterial a well attended Thank-offering meeting took place at Tiverton with Mrs. Gregg, Bluevale, as speaker. At an executive meeting of Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterial, in Tara, special attention was given the Retiring Fund for Missionaries, and Auxiliaries were urged to stress the importance of this fund. Mrs. D. McGillivray brought a splendid report of the Provincial Board meeting in Toronto, a copy of which was sent to each Auxiliary. A Home Helpers Club has been organized in Paisley and is proving very successful. A valuable bale of clothing was shipped, to which the Home Helpers of Lovat contributed.

At Dresden Thank-offering meeting, Chatham Presbyterial, Mrs. E. A. Wright was guest speaker. At Blytheswood, where guests were present from five other Auxiliaries, Mrs. Barlow gave an address. The eight organizations of Knox Church, Leamington, held a combined Thank-offering, in which each took part; Mrs. Wm. Tuckey, Presbyterial President, was the speaker. A new C.G.I.T. group in Knox Church, Leamington, is the ''Wan-i-Kita'', with Mrs. Mather as leader.

Huntsville and Burk's Falls Auxiliaries, North Bay Presbyterial, united for a Thank-offering meeting in Burk's Falls, with the Huntsville Auxiliary in charge of the programme and Burk's Falls members hostesses at the social hour. Mrs. J. M. Campbell presided at the fall Presbyterial executive meeting in First Church, North Bay.

Successful Mission Band rallies were held in Brockville and Toronto Presbyterials. Prescott, Brockville, Iroquois and Morrisburg Bands met in Morrisburg, Mrs. C. Robertson, Mission Band Secretary, presiding. A message from Mrs. J. R. Hill, Ottawa, was read and Mrs. W. D. Turner gave an interesting talk on ''Loyalty''. Junior memberships and seals were presented. Morrisburg won the banner. At the rally in Spencerville, at which Mrs. C. Robertson presided, and at Winchester the Flag Ceremony was presented in honour of Coronation year. At the latter five Bands were represented; six certificates, one Honour membership pin and two seals were presented, and Dunbar Band was awarded the banner for four months. At an enthusiastic rally in Knox Church, Toronto, 300 children were present, representing 24 Bands, including the Chinese Band under Miss Helena Gibbs. Mrs. J. Hill, Presbyterial Mission Band Secretary, presided. ''The Lord is my Shepherd'' was the theme of Rev. William Thomas' message. An honoured guest, Mrs. J. W. Dill, veteran Mission Band worker, brought greetings from California. A message from Mrs. J. R. Hill, Ottawa, was read.

Mrs. B. D. Marwick brought an inspiring message to the New Liskeard Auxiliary, Temiskaming Presbyterial, in November. Rev. E. J. Kerr addressed the afternoon meeting. Kind wishes were extended the Auxiliary organized recently at Kirkland Lake.

At the November meeting of Dundas Auxiliary, Hamilton Presbyterial, Mrs. J. Mitchell and Miss Tena Thomson, both Home Helpers, and Mrs. J. A. MacLennan were made Life Members. Pins were presented, to Miss Thomson by her aunt, to Mrs. Mitchell by her daughters, and to Mrs. MacLennan, by Miss M. Layden, on behalf of her husband, Col. J. A. MacLennan. Mrs. R. Pirie, a former President of the Auxiliary and now a shut-in member, presented Mrs. I. Layden with a membership pin, the gift of Col. and Mrs. J. A. MacLennan.

At the Thank-offering meeting of Dovercourt Road Auxiliary, Toronto, Rev. William Thomas gave an address; Mrs. Edward Bryson was made an Honorary Member in recognition of her service during the past twenty-three years; an In Memoriam certificate was presented to Sally Eagleson in memory of her grandmother, Mrs. H. N. Eagleson, a faithful member.

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MONTREAL P.S.—Dr. A. M. Hill, Convener of the Board of Missions, addressed the last open executive meeting for 1937 on world conditions as they affect extension work among Christian Churches. He spoke of the menace of rising nationalism which imperils religion in the lands where our foreign mission work is established. Japan he pictured as under an urge of nationalism which compels men of every faith to bow at the Emperor's shrine. Similarly, Manchuria feels the pressure of her foreign advisers, and the religious freedom of Christians is threatened. In India the fifty millions of the depressed classes are breaking away from their age-long thraldom, with motives half spiritual and half materialistic, and seek a faith that will give them freedom and social equality. Africa has its social problems with thousands of natives leaving the simple life of the kraal to encounter the moral dangers of the mining and industrial centres. In Europe evangelical minorities are struggling for their very lives. No wonder, Dr. Hill observed, there is a widespread feeling that the Church of Christ is about to face a period of martyrdom. The only power that can prevent complete catastrophe in the world is the power of Protestant Christianity with its fundamental democracy and its deep concern for the individual. That is the great challenge to the home Church. Certain duties are imposed on all home boards: to send to foreign service only the best type of men and women, who must be prepared to give their bodies as well as their souls, just as men and women gave not only their ideas but their bodies in the world war; to place a new emphasis on evangelism on all our fields. Our objective must be a self-supporting, self-sustaining, and self-propagating Church.

The treasurer, who reported $9,297 for the general fund and $636 for the Retiring Fund for Missionaries, expected the allocation to be fully met by the end of the year. Three Honorary, sixteen Life and two Junior memberships and seven In Memoriams were reported.

St. Andrew's W.M.S. Auxiliary, Lachine, celebrated its Golden Jubilee at a special evening service on October 19th. Mrs. T. DeCourcy Rayner led the devotions, and Mrs. C. Ritchie Bell, Outremont, was the soloist. Miss Ethel M. Paxton, President, reviewed the fifty years' history of the Auxiliary. Rev. T. DeC. Rayner welcomed the many visitors from Montreal, Westmount, Verdun, Outremont, and St. Lambert; and greetings and congratulations were conveyed by Rev. A. M. Hill, D.D., Convener of the Board of Missions, Rev. A. S. Reid, D.D., representing the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, Mrs. J. W. Dougherty, Provincial President, Mrs. W. E. Baker, Presbyterial President, and representatives of the various organizations of the congregation. Miss Alice Bissett read messages from the Right Rev. Hugh Munro, D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly, the Rev. W. Harvey-Jellie, D.D., Moderator of Presbytery, and Rev. and Mrs. DeCourcy Rayner, missionaries of the Church in British Guiana. Messages were also received from former presidents and members. During an impressive memorial service for former members the congregation stood as Mrs. Alex. R. Morison read the names, while a basket of golden chrysanthemums was placed on the Communion table, in grateful memory. To Mrs. Alex. Bissett, the only charter member still active in the Auxiliary, and to Miss Paxton baskets of golden ’mums were presented. Afterwards a reception was held and supper served. A cheque for $500 for the Retiring Fund for Missionaries, in memory of Mrs. James Bissett and Miss Jane Daws, was received.

Quebec P.S.—At the Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew’s Auxiliary, Sherbrooke, on November 15th, Mrs. Moret, of Melbourne, who, with Dr. Moret, spent some time in the Grenfell Mission hospitals in Labrador, described vividly the life of the English fisher-folk in small communities along the coast. She pictured the excitement at the arrival of the first boat in the spring and at the opening of the missionary barrels. One of the latter was found to contain nothing but spats! However, the resourceful women saved the buttons and used the spats to make warm quilts. Dr. Moret introduced the growing of vegetables, till then considered impossible, and had hardy cattle brought in, innovations that led to improved conditions. The people had learned how to make the best of things, and, by sharing with one another, they managed to live really happy lives. Mrs. Allister Murray, on behalf of the Ladies’ Aid, presented Mrs. C. Turner with a Life Membership. The collection and attendance were larger than in other years.

At the Thank-offering meeting of Melbourne Auxiliary on October 27th, the Rev. A. H. Sproule, of Danville, gave a missionary address which was greatly enjoyed. The attendance was the largest in years.

Treasurer’s Statement

November 30th, 1937

RECEIPTS

Inter-Board Committee, ‘‘Christian Literature for Ukrainians’’	$ 76.00
Miss Winifred Williamson, ‘‘Western Relief’’	5.00
Mrs. J. H. Thomson, ‘‘Western Relief’’	10.00
Chinese Bazaar, Toronto	25.00
Mrs. John Rendall, ‘‘Biblewoman, India’’	50.00
Pension rates received from workers	19.35
Refund from Vegreville Residence	100.00
Government Grant for Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	5,672.39
Government Grant for Birtle Indian School	4,393.20
PROVINCIAL GIVINGS:	
Alberta	380.16
Manitoba	550.00
British Columbia	500.00
Ontario	16,629.00
Quebec	2,000.00
Saskatchewan	75.00
	$30,485.10

DISBURSEMENTS:

Hospitals:	
Canora	$ 389.16
Vegreville	250.00
Chinese in Canada	637.54
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	554.16
Government Grant for Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	5,672.39
Birtle Indian School	581.12
Government Grant for Birtle Indian School	4,393.20
Mistawasis Day School	45.00
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Vegreville	249.98
India:	
Bhil Field	42.98
Formosa	683.32
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Organization	482.00
Publications	628.68
Special Retiring Fund for Missionaries	146.66
Welcome and Welfare and Deaconesses	1,431.78
Education of Chinese Candidates	127.00
Education of Indian Girls	58.72
Grant to Mrs. Fesenko	120.00
Library	1.50
Lantern Slides	3.24
Christian Literature for Ukrainians	76.00
Student	7.00
Deputation	75.00
New Missionaries	108.32
Supplies	425.67
Exchange	5.57
Administration	368.78
	$19,607.27

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Special Fund—	
Payment on New Liskeard Home	$ 809.54
Rent of Bungalow in Japan	30.00
Collection of South Porcupine Accounts	2.00
Interest	135.00
Sustaining Fund—	
Interest	461.59
Legacy Fund—	
Interest	104.22
Legacy through St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Sarnia, ''Amkhut or Jobat, India''	200.00
Special Retiring Fund for Missionaries—	
Interest	550.38
A Friend	5.00
British Columbia, Gold Mite Boxes	10.00
Memorial Gift from Miss Dawes, Perth, Ont., through Lachine Auxiliary	500.00
Formosa Forward Movement Fund—	
Interest	278.84
	$3,086.57

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Legacy Fund—	
Interest paid to Vegreville Residence for prizes	$ 6.44
Special Fund—	
Rocky Mountain House Hospital	2,098.00
	$2,104.44

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ALTERATIONS TO ANNUAL REPORT

Manitoba

Winnipeg P.S. Officers—page 127—new Historian, Mrs. W. J. Martin, 186 Walnut St., Winnipeg.

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Glengarry P.S. Officers—page 146—new Student Secretary, Mrs. C. W. Cresswell, Martintown.

Orangeville P.S. Mission Bands—page 168—Through an error in reporting, Caledon East Mission Band was omitted from the list sent in; their contributions amounted to $4.00. Dundalk Mission Band, we are informed, should be credited with $18.18, not $13.18.

Saugeen P.S. Officers—page 176—new *Glad Tidings* Secretary, Mrs. Robert Honeyman, Box 152, Durham.

Quebec

Montreal P.S. Officers—page 194—new Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. Roland Kennedy, 3456 Harvard Ave., Montreal.

Saskatchewan

Saskatoon P.S. Officers—page 208—The address of Mrs. George Cant (Treasurer) has been changed to 319 3rd Ave., N., Saskatoon.

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Editorial

A Serious Loss

IT was with the deepest regret that the Council Executive had to accept the resignation of Miss Margaret M. Reid as one of its members. Few women have a longer record of service on executive boards. Appointed to the Board of Management of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in 1890, Miss Reid served on it—from 1907 to 1913 as Home Secretary—until the amalgamation of the three Societies in 1914, then for a year on the Executive of the Women's Missionary Society. After the Society was reorganized in 1925, Miss Reid became a member of the Council Executive in 1926, and was Recording Secretary until 1931, then Secretary for Manchuria and China from 1931 until the end of 1937, acting also as the Society's Historian from 1927 to 1935. For her long faithful service the women of our Church owe her their deep gratitude.

Young Women at Work

TO the Council Executive on the 14th December Miss Pelton, Young Women's Travelling Secretary, told of some encouraging features of the work as she had seen it in a recent visit to Alberta. The Young Women's Leaders' Fellowship was organized in Calgary, where there is, Miss Pelton felt, an unusually fine group of young women with real missionary vision. In Edmonton she was present at the graduation of a girls' group into the Young Women's Department, and was impressed by that group's display of supply work, the members having made a specialty of gathering second-hand clothing, washing and mending it when necessary, knitting over worn sweaters, etc., thus having attractive clothing in good condition to send out. Another Young Women's Auxiliary was formed there, and an affiliated group. Miss Pelton spoke highly of Miss Hazel Macdonald's work within the bounds of Red Deer Presbytery.

Mrs. Goldwin Smith

AT its last meeting in 1937, the Council Executive welcomed Mrs. Goldwin Smith, lecturer at the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, for whose salary the Society is making a contribution. After graduating in theology in 1936, Mrs. Smith volunteered her services for the students at the Training Home. Then she was appointed lecturer in theology for the session 1937-38. Mrs. Smith expressed herself as delighted with the great opportunity of work with young women, but keenly sensible of the responsibility devolving upon her. Deaconesses, she felt, should receive a training strongly tinctured with theology which would be in line with everyday life.

Mrs. Herman's Resignation

IN December the Council Executive had regretfully to accept Mrs. R. R. Herman's resignation as assistant teacher in the Chinese Mission in Montreal, a position in which ill-health has made it impossible for her to continue. Since her appointment in 1929, when Mrs. Burkwall (Miss Ethel Reid) was in charge of that work, Mrs. Herman has given valuable service. All our members will wish that she may be soon restored to health.

Chosen to go to Madras

IT is a matter of special satisfaction to our women that of the ten delegates chosen to represent the Canadian Churches at the meeting of the International Missionary Council at Madras next December two are women,—Mrs. Hugh D. Taylor, Foreign Mission Executive Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada, and Miss Laura K. Pelton, Young Women's Travelling Secretary of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The list of delegates from North America was approved by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America which met in Toronto early in January.

Miss Jean Mortimer Clark

IN December, through the death of Miss Jean Mortimer Clark, our Women's Missionary Society lost a member of the Board of Trustees,—the second within the year. Miss Clark followed in the fine tradition of her family in her interest in the Church and in philanthropic institutions in Toronto—her mother was a member of the first Executive Board of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and when the Women's Home Missionary Society was organized she became its Honorary President, as well as a member of the Hospital Committee. Miss Clark was very active in the Women's League, which for over two years before Church Union did so much for the Presbyterian Church in Canada and the Women's Missionary Society. From June, 1925, when the Society was reorganized, until her death, Miss Clark was a member of the Board of Trustees. For her loyalty to her Church, for her kindness to the suffering and needy, and for her generosity, Miss Clark will be remembered. To her sister our members would extend their sincere sympathy.

Returns to Winnipeg

IN January, at the request of the Presbytery of Winnipeg, Miss Hazel Macdonald again undertook deaconess work in Winnipeg, which she left in the autumn of 1936 in order to carry on the work Miss Frieda Matthews had been doing in the Red Deer district. Under the Red Deer Presbytery Miss Macdonald has done a valuable piece of work, which has already borne fruit in newly organized and reorganized groups, in a deeper interest in Church and missions, and in increased leadership. In Winnipeg, besides general deaconess work, she will give special attention to the needs of women and young people.

Miss Evans

DURING 1937 our Women's Missionary Society had a nurse serving in the Dixonville field. The appointment of Miss Verlie Evans, which was originally for six months, was extended, so that she continued her work on that field until the end of the year.

Change of Work

CHANGED conditions and, especially, the decline of immigration led the Council Executive to its decision to discontinue, for the present, the port work in Montreal which Miss Iris Munro has been doing. At the request of the Presbytery of Montreal, Miss Munro is to serve under the Home Mission Committee of that Presbytery for a year, the Women's Missionary Society thus sharing in the contribution our Church is making in the congested areas of Montreal.

Returning to British Guiana

ON the 29th January Rev. David Marshall and Mrs. Marshall, who have been in Canada on furlough, sailed from Boston on the *Lady Drake* to resume their work in British Guiana.

The Enlarged Leaders' Corner

THE first copy of the enlarged Leaders' Corner was published in January and sent to Presbyterial Mission Band Secretaries for them to distribute to the leaders of their Bands. We are indebted to Mrs. J. R. Hill, of Ottawa, for gathering the material for this first issue.

Annual Meetings

TWO Provincial Societies have advised us of the dates of their annual meetings: Ontario, which meets in Knox Church, Galt, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 26th, 27th and 28th April; Saskatchewan, on Wednesday and Thursday, 23rd and 24th March.

Appreciation for Library

THE Library Department has received a letter of thanks from Rev. W. G. Brown, of Saskatoon, for the ten boxes of books from the library of Rev. W. G. Hanna, of Toronto. These, with the books from the library of the late Dr. E. Scott, will form a lending library for ministers and missionaries in the Synod of Saskatchewan.

Centenary Souvenir of Women's Work

THE November number of the *Missionary Chronicle*, of the Presbyterian Churches of Victoria and Queensland, Australia, was issued as a Centenary Souvenir of Women's Work in Victoria. In publishing this souvenir number in connection with the celebration of the centenary of Presbyterianism in that state, the Women's Committee wished to gather together the records of the work of women in the Church and to recall the founders of each department, its aims, and the extent to which these have been accomplished, ''as an act of Thanksgiving to God for the honour He has granted to women in giving them so many opportunities of serving Him.'' The Committee is to be congratulated on this attractive and interesting number.

The British Guiana Almanac

THE 1938 almanac of the British Guiana Mission of the Presbyterian Church in Canada is attractive in appearance and useful in the material it contains. On one sheet, convenient for hanging on the wall, it presents a picture of the Kaieteur Falls, a waterfalls 741 feet high on the Potato River two hundred miles inland, a Scripture calendar, and information about the mission. The names of the members of the Mission Council—the missionaries and the missionaries' wives—are given, with the names of other workers, the stations, and the schools with their head teachers, in each of the three counties in which the mission works. In Berbice where the work is carried on by Rev. James Dunn and Miss Davies, of New Amsterdam, there are seven ordained elders, eight mission stations each with an evangelist, two High Schools, the Boys' and the Girls', and eight primary schools; Demerara, with Rev. David Marshall and Miss Storey at Georgetown, has two East Indian deaconesses, six ordained elders, nine mission stations each with an evangelist, and fourteen primary schools; Essequibo, where Rev. DeCourcy H. Rayner is, has one ordained elder, eight evangelists in the eight mission stations, and seven primary schools.

World Fellowship of Prayer

THE World Day of Prayer since 1927—the Day of Prayer in Canada and the United States since 1920—has been observed on the first Friday of Lent, which this year is the 4th of March. In this February issue of our magazine is published the World Day of Prayer Service prepared by Miss Alice E. Henderson, of Sumner, Christchurch, New Zealand, with the theme, ''The Church, A World Fellowship'', as well as the Service of Worship for Youth, which has been prepared by Miss Constance Young, Principal of Mount Allison School for Girls, Sackville, New Brunswick.

''The Day begins in New Zealand and the Fiji Islands, and as the Day progresses new groups in city, town, countryside, and hamlet, join in praise and prayer until after some forty hours the Day ends at Gambell on St. Lawrence Island off the coast of Alaska thirty miles from the date line and about the same distance from the Arctic Circle. All these groups are praying that we may be one in our service for Jesus Christ—that barriers of race and class may be broken down—that we may truly learn to follow Him whose way is the way of life for all men—that we may be faithful witnesses of His love and His life-giving power—and that men may find the way by which individuals and nations can live together in peace and understanding.''

In her account of the observance of the Day of Prayer throughout the world in 1937, Miss Florence G. Tyler, Secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, makes the following appeal: ''As the women of the world come together on March 4, 1938, to witness to the reality of a world Christian community, may our prayers be with the Christian women of China and Japan that they may feel themselves, even as never before, an integral part of that prayer cycle binding together in unity the Christian women of the world. And in other areas where there is strife and misunderstanding between races and classes may the women there be drawn into this magic circle.''

An Addition to the World Day of Prayer Programme

THE Inter-Board Committee of the Women's Missionary Societies of Canada, at this time when fellow Christians in other lands are so sorely stricken by war, requests that the following prayer be used in addition to the Day of Prayer Programme as printed:

''Almighty God, King of Kings and Ruler of all the world, have mercy on the nations now devastated and perishing by war. Have mercy, O Lord, have mercy. Turn the hearts of their rulers that they may be willing to make peace. Answer the prayers and prosper the counsels of all Thy servants who are working for peace and over-rule the wrath of men to praise Thee. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.''

Goforth of China

IN this biography, written in the months immediately following Dr. Goforth's death, Mrs. Goforth presents an interesting, very readable account of the life and work of her husband, supported by many passages from his letters and diary and from the testimony of those with whom he lived and worked. The story of Jonathan Goforth, whose name will always be associated with the Canadian Presbyterian Mission in China, is, to a large extent, the story of the planting of the Christian Church in North Honan and Manchuria, for he was one of the heroic pioneer missionaries in those provinces.

In him persisted the spirit of the pioneer that had brought his grandfather, John Goforth, in 1840 from Yorkshire to a farm in Western Ontario. In sketching her husband's early days, the author gives vivid glimpses of pioneer life, the hard work, education at home and school, Jonathan's early decision to serve his country, first as a lawyer and a *good* politician, then, after reading the *Memoirs of Robert Murray M'Cheyne*, as a minister of the Church, until, hearing Dr. George Leslie Mackay's appeal for help in Formosa, he recognized the claim of the unevangelized in other lands. On his graduation from Knox College, he was appointed, by the General Assembly of 1887, to service in China, and in January, 1888, having been married in October, he left with Mrs. Goforth for that country where for forty-seven years he was to preach the Gospel.

In the story of those years during which she shared his work, Mrs. Goforth reveals something of the grave difficulties of the pioneer missionaries, the perseverance in the struggle to secure a permanent foothold in North Honan, the opening up of Changte and the work among the students there, the carrying of the Gospel from place to place, the persistence of the workers in the face of the growing anti-foreign feeling which culminated in the Boxer Movement. Mr. Goforth's growing conviction as to his own best method of work—intensive preaching for a time in places which would become centres of Christian communities—and the undoubted results of his evangelistic campaigns led to his giving his time more and more to that work, until he was forced by the loss of his sight to return to Canada from Manchuria, his field of work since 1926.

''First, last, and always Dr. Goforth was an evangelist, a soul-winner.'' Whether in North Honan, in Manchuria, or in other parts of China where he carried on special revival work, or in Canada, ''his great passion was to win men to Christ.'' With the forcefulness that comes from a clear, simple style, Mrs. Goforth has told how her husband gave his life to this one task of winning men to Christ.

Facing New Conditions

IN these days when new problems have to be faced by Mission Boards and workers and plans adjusted to meet the new demands and changed conditions in different countries, the statement of Dr. Laurence Ingle, of Cheeloo University, relative to the problem facing Christian medical schools in China, should be of interest to our readers, having as it has a real bearing on medical missions, and other phases of missionary work, in other countries, too. We quote the statement as it appears in *Our Sisters in Other Lands* (October, 1937).

''Speaking from a purely medical point of view, our medical schools must be at least the equal of anything the Government provides if their existence is to be justified; yet how can our struggling missionary societies compete against the resources of a National Government?

''In a way that sounds depressing. Actually, if you think about it, it is most inspiring. Even within my short term on the field—not yet twenty years—I have seen a medical profession born in China, and now coming to maturity, becoming organized and influential, and working out an efficient State medical service. And our mission medical schools were in right at the start and have given this medical profession Christian ideals with which it will be stamped, under God's grace, forever. Has not that been marvellously worth while? And is that not what we have been working for?

''The Government is, quite rightly, emphasizing public health work rather than curative medicine. The public health station in Nankin is rapidly extending its field of activities, with emphasis on school health work, vaccination, sanitation and so on. In addition, it is endeavouring to take certain small counties as experimental stations, working out schemes of rural reconstruction where agricultural, economic, health and other problems are all receiving attention. The Government is fully alive to the fact that 80 per cent. of China's vast population is living in the villages, and it is there that reconstruction should begin. Public health work assumes an increasing importance in the training of medical students; and our own students are now required to spend some weeks at one of these rural stations as part of their training.

''I am not suggesting for a moment that the need for medical missions is passing. The problems are so vast that it will be years before indigenous resources or staff will be adequate. But whereas in the past practically all the medical work of real value was being done by missions, we are now finding ourselves working alongside and in co-operation with Government agencies which bid fair to outstrip us—at any rate in quantity. It is for us to see that our work is of good quality. There is no place in China for ill-equipped and second-rate or under-staffed mission hospitals.''

World Day of Prayer Programme

March 4th, 1938

By Alice E. Henderson, Sumner, Christchurch, New Zealand

Theme: *The Church, a World Fellowship*

Quiet Music *(while women are gathering)*

Call to Worship

Leader: O give thanks unto the Lord; Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the people.

Sing unto Him, sing psalms unto Him, talk ye of all His wondrous works. Glory ye in His Holy Name; let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.

Seek the Lord and His strength; Seek His face evermore.

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Hymn 58: 1, 2 (Tune: *Dix*)

God of mercy, God of grace,
Show the brightness of Thy face;
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine;
Fill Thy Church with light divine;
And Thy saving health extend
Unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise Thee, Lord,
Be by all that live adored;
Let the nations shout and sing
Glory to their Saviour King,
At Thy feet their tribute pay
And Thy holy will obey. Amen.

—*H. F. Lyte.*

Responsive Reading: The Church's Charter of Fellowship

Leader: That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

Response: If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth; but if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Leader: God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ.

Response: Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

Response: I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Leader: Draw nigh unto God, and He will draw nigh unto you.

Response: Now in Jesus Christ ye who sometime were afar off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

Leader: He is our Peace who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

Response: Through Him we have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

Prayer (in unison) *with heads bowed, or kneeling*

O Lord God, in whom we live, and move, and have our being, open our eyes that we may behold Thy Fatherly presence ever about us. Draw our hearts to Thee with the power of Thy love. Teach us to be anxious for nothing; and when we have done what Thou hast given us to do, help us, O God, our Saviour, to leave the issue to Thy Wisdom. Take from us all doubt and mistrust. Lift up our thoughts to Thee and make us to know that all things are possible to us through Thy Son, our Redeemer. Amen.

(Bishop Brooke Foss Westcott).

Hymn: In Christ There is no East or West (Tune: *St. Peter*)

In Christ there is no East or West,
In Him no South or North,
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole round earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere
Their true communion find.
His service is the golden cord
Close binding all mankind.

Join hands then, brothers of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be—
Who serves my Father as a son
Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West,
In Him meet South and North,
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth.
Amen.

—*John Oxenham.*

Short Devotional Address *(or the following reading by someone with a clear, expressive voice, specially appointed)*

Peace Through Fellowship

"That ye may have fellowship with us, and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ."

An alternative New Testament word for forgiveness is reconciliation—"reconciliation with God," to quote St. Paul's phrase. Reconciliation means coming into unity, into oneness with God. Thereupon follows "peace with God." Now what happens when forgiveness comes—the entrance into oneness with God and its consequent peace—is the pattern and example of what is to happen all through the Christian life; the initial act of coming into unity with God is to become the life habit of abiding in that unity at all times, and under all circumstances. In the same way the initial peace is to become a continual peace. We shall dwell in peace because we dwell in God who is "the God of peace."

The perpetual unity of which we are speaking is what, under another figure of speech, is meant when the New Testament speaks of Fellowship with God, as in the words of St. John, "Our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ" (I John 1: 5), and as in the words of St. Paul "The fellowship of the Holy Spirit" (II Cor. 13: 14). The literal meaning of the word translated "fellowship" in both these passages is "sharing in," sharing with, participation, partnership, a uniting together. In its deepest sense it means the giving of one's very self as well as the giving of what one has.

But they who dwell in fellowship with God find more than peace. The whole infinitude of God is open to him who can say: ''My beloved is mine and I am His.'' His are the unsearchable riches of Christ, that is, riches so extensive that we cannot track them out, cannot go to the measure and extent of them; they are ''exceeding riches,'' to use another of Paul's phrases, riches too big for language, too big for thought, too big for exhaustion; riches that are like the widow's barrel of oil—when you have filled all the vessels of your life, for time and for eternity, the plenty left over is greater than the plenty you have used. ''Enough for all, enough for each, enough for evermore.''

Nor is that all. We need God more than we need His gifts.

> ''Thy gifts, O Lord, cannot suffice,
> Except Thyself be given.''

Our fellowship is with the Father, said St. John.

Prayer (in unison)

Leader: **Let us pray.**

O God, our Gracious Heavenly Father, we have often forgotten that we are members of one family in Christ Jesus and have failed to realize the privileges which are ours as members of the world-wide fellowship of Thy family on earth. We confess before Thee that we have not striven to acquire the vision of the Christian brotherhood, one with Christ our Elder Brother and bound by chains of love about the feet of our Father God. Forgive us for our narrow outlook and give each one a heart large enough to embrace all who love Thee in every land, for His dear sake who died to make us one. Amen.

Hymn 289: O Word of God Incarnate (Tune: *Lancashire*)

O Word of God Incarnate,
O wisdom from on high,
O truth unchanged, unchanging,
O light of our dark sky,
We praise Thee for the radiance
That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps,
Shines on from age to age.

The Church from her dear Master
Received the gift divine,
And still that light she lifteth
O'er all the earth to shine;
It is the golden casket
Where gems of truth are stored;
It is the heaven-drawn picture
Of Christ the living Word.

It floateth like a banner
Before God's host unfurled;
It shineth like a beacon
Above the darkling world;
It is the chart and compass
That o'er life's surging sea,
'Mid mists and rocks and quicksands,
Still guide, O Christ, to Thee.

O make Thy Church, dear Saviour,
A lamp of purest gold,
To bear before the nations
The true light, as of old;
O teach Thy wandering pilgrims
By this their path to trace,
Till, clouds and darkness ended,
They see Thee face to face. Amen.

—*William Walsham How.*

A Period of Intercessory Prayers *(led by several women previously chosen)*

LEADER: Let us pray—That we, as Christians, may realize more and more the need of cultivating the spirit of fellowship with our brethren in the community in which we live; that we may charge ourselves more definitely with the needs of the poor, the sick, the suffering, and those who are ''out of the way''; and that we may be granted power to witness to others our belief.

A moment of silence, to be followed by a short prayer by one appointed.

LEADER: Let us pray for our own community, that it may be cleansed and recreated by dynamic Christian leadership, and for a more widespread and active interest in the cause of Temperance.

A moment of silence, to be followed by a short prayer by one appointed.

LEADER: Let us pray for a blessing on all efforts now being made for the evangelization of non-Christian peoples in other lands; and for an increased endeavour in the home land to reclaim the great numbers in our cities and rural districts who have drifted away from Christ and His Church; also for the younger churches and the International Conference to be held in Hangchow.*

A moment of silence, to be followed by a short prayer by one appointed.

LEADER: Let us pray for those who are engaged in the work of claiming the youth of all lands for Christ, and that positive Christian influences may be around them in the home, the school and the college.

A moment of silence, to be followed by a short prayer by one appointed.

LEADER: Let us pray for their Majesties, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, for all counsellors and advisers of the Crown, for all parts of the British Empire, that they may set an example of godliness and justice; for our own nation, that it may face its inconsistencies and measure its operations by Christ's law of love and brotherhood, and for the world family of nations, that they may find ways of peace and co-operation.

A moment of silence, to be followed by a short prayer by one appointed.

LEADER: Let us pray that the Christian Church throughout the world may strive after unity in faith and love and so fulfil the Will of Christ, and that courage and comfort may be given to those who are not permitted liberty of worship but live in daily anxiety and fear.

A moment of silence, to be followed by a short prayer by one appointed.

Prayer (in unison)

O Lord our God, who hast called us one by one to be members of the great community of Thy people, and who hast bound us together by a common faith and purpose to serve Thee upon earth. Look down on us, we beseech Thee, and grant us Thy blessing, that we may ever seek to do Thy will in singleness and gladness of heart. Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life, quicken us into newness of life, give us power and love and a sound mind. Loving the Lord

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* Since this service was prepared, the place of meeting has been changed to Madras Christian College, Tambaram, near Madras, South India.

Jesus Christ in sincerity, may we live for His service, and find our highest joy in seeking to do His will. May Thy blessing rest on every part of the work of the Church and on every one who seeks to be a fellow-worker with Thee.

Grant wisdom to understand the needs of men. Give us a sense of the greatness of the opportunity. Help us to bring to our day and generation a new vision of the unsearchable riches of Christ. Make us a willing people in the day of Thy power. For those who, wrapped up in their own affairs, are blind to the needs of others, we pray for Thy grace to make them living men. Pardon the sins that mingle with our service, redeem us from self-will, and free us from all vain glory. Quicken the Church's life, O Lord; guide it in all its work; and Thine shall be the praise and the glory for ever. Amen.

Hymn 295: 1-4: The Church's One Foundation (Tune: *Aurelia*)

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the word:
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth,
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore opprest,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distrest,
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest. Amen.

—*Samuel John Stone.*

Solo *(if desired)*

Offering

Dedicatory Prayer (in unison). *Remain seated with bowed heads*

Our Father, for Thy loving care and bounty we give Thee thanks. Accept the offering which we bring this day. Bless the gifts of the thousands who join in this act of worship around the world, that they may aid in fulfilling the prayer which our Lord taught His disciples, saying: "Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory, for ever and ever." Amen.

Hymn 671: 2, 3, 4, 5 (*standing*): The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, is Ended
(Tune: *St. Clement*)

We thank Thee that Thy Church unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping,
And rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,
And hour by hour fresh lips are making
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empires pass away;
Thy Kingdom stands and grows for ever,
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway. Amen.

—*John Ellerton.*

Congregation will remain standing and join in dismissal

Closing Prayer

Now unto Him who is able to keep us from falling and to present us faultless before the throne of His glory, with exceeding joy, to the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. Amen.

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The $6,100.00 received in Canada in 1937 was applied to the following: Chinese Christian Literature, Shanghai; Chinese Christian Literature for Children; West China Press, Chengtu; ''The Kingdom of God Weekly'', Japan; Japanese Christian Literature; Korean Christian Literature; Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children; Moslem Christian Literature; African Christian Literature; Indian Christian Literature; Ludhiana College Christian Literature; Vellore College, India, for Christian Literature; Jewish Christian Literature; Canadian School of Missions; Interdenominational Leper Mission for Christian Literature; Upper Canada Tract Society; British and Foreign Bible Society in Canada; The Board of Religious Education in Canada.

All offerings are sent to Miss Bessie MacMurchy, 122 South Drive, Toronto, Treasurer of the Inter-Board Committee of the Women's Missionary Societies of Canada.

All through the world the women meet
On this holy island of time,
Called by the throb of an African drum,
Or the bells of a city chime,
Or just the beat of a loving heart
Full of a purpose sublime.

Sisters in soul, whether near or far,
In the light of the selfsame sun,
Whatever our language, our race, our land,
We are praying to-day as one:
''Our Father in Heaven, Thy Kingdom come;
Thy will upon Earth be done.''

—*A. J. E.*

Following Our Gifts

When plans are being made for the World Day of Prayer the following brief references to some of the agencies through which our gifts are set at work will be of interest.

The National Christian Council of India wrote regarding the mass movements: ''There is wide demand for literature likely to help enquirers among the depressed classes and for those who deal with enquirers. We have been amazed at the response to the National Christian Council call to a Forward Movement in evangelism. It has surpassed all expectations. At the same time there can be no curtailment of the Christian literature that builds up the life of the older churches.''

Miss Margaret Wrong, Secretary of the **International Committee on Christian Literature for Africa**, spent seven months in 1936 visiting African mission fields, travelling 8,000 miles by car in addition to rail and air. Speaking to the Inter-Board Committee after her trip, Miss Wrong said she found no area in which there was an adequate supply of vernacular literature. Teachers, evangelists and the people were in great need. She told of the wise economy with which our special grant for French literature was used to help print four much-needed publications, not possible otherwise, and of the good work done by the quarterly, ''Books for Africa,'' for which our regular grant cares.

Miss Mabel Shaw, of the **Christian Literature Society of Japan**, during her furlough, told the Inter-Board of the need for Christian literature for women and children in Japan, but that the Christian Literature Society would have almost no funds for that department, were it not for the money that comes from the Women's Day of Prayer. Dr. William Axling wrote of **The Kingdom of God Weekly**, now the official organ of the Christian forces united in an Empire-wide Evangelistic Crusade, that ''certainly in Japan there is no project which will bring as large returns in the field of evangelism, going as it does each week into every part of this nation of readers of the printed page, with the one clear-cut purpose to make the Christian message known to its thousands of readers.''

''Please tell your women that the newest enterprise of all, a magazine in Arabic, is promised in a couple of months,'' wrote Miss Butler, of the New York **Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children.** ''Think of starting the first magazine for boys and girls in a language spoken by 80,000,000 people, in which I am told there is nothing of the sort for young folks. For once we are ahead of the forces of evil, which, alas, beat us on the job in Japan. Perhaps what we are reaping now is because of the non-Christian ideals published and sold in all the bookstores there. It will be published in Egypt, where the blessed Lord Jesus found shelter and happiness.''

Should not organized Christianity be concerned with the Christian approach to the Jews? Dr. Conrad Hoffman, Secretary of the **International Committee on Christian Approach to the Jews,** in expressing his gratitude for the grant received, wrote from the Vienna Conference that as the reports of present-day Jewry in the different countries were read: ''All present were appalled by the overwhelming need revealed. A sense of helplessness and futility prevailed which compelled prayer for God's intervention as the only means of relief.''

A little booklet of red-brown pages of graceful, incomprehensible characters, set in wide margins, suddenly became a treasure when it was explained that this was the Day of Prayer Programme for Chinese women. Mrs. Donald MacGillivray has summed up something of what the **Christian Literature Society for China** has done for Chinese women in its fifty years:

''Does it mean *something* to you, my reader, to know that all over China the voices of little children may be heard singing sweet songs? Does it mean *something* to you that on the walls of homes in China may be seen pictures of the Life of our Lord instead of the grotesque Kitchen god? Does it mean *something* to you to know that the woman toiling in the field, hitherto with very little joy in her life and no hope of ever learning to read, has now a new interest in life as she pores over the simplified language? Does it mean *something* to you that mothers are reading the Bible with their children and teaching them to pray? . . . . It means everything. It means that we women are all bound together by invisible ties, and that we will go on until womanhood is in her rightful place the world over.

''Does the Christian Literature Society claim to have done all this? No. We think of the missionary toiling up and down the land, the teacher in the school, the doctor in the hospital, all doing their share; but the Society claims to have supplied much of the ammunition.''

The Inter-Board Committee of Canada is not unmindful of the need of our own New Canadians and a contribution is now being made for Christian Literature for non-English-speaking people in Canada, and for a hymn-book for the use of Ukrainians here and in Europe.

So with the Lord: he takes and he refuses,
  Finds him ambassadors whom men deny;
Wise ones nor mighty from his saints he chooses,
  No, such as John or Gideon or I.

Ay, for this Paul, a scorn and a despising,
  Weak as you know him, and the wretch you see,—
Even in these eyes shall ye behold him rising,
  Strength in infirmities and Christ in me.—Myers, *St. Paul.*

Prayer

OUR Father in Heaven, inspire us, with a flame of sacred love, reverently to worship Thee. May the spirit of truth direct our praise as we acknowledge with grateful hearts Thy never-ending mercy to all who trust Thee. We give thanks for the noble women of vision who influenced our lives, bringing us together to carry out the Master's command; some now joy in Thy immediate presence; others are still active in the Church's work of proclaiming the glad tidings. Help us to be zealous Lightbearers, bringing hope and cheer to the shut-in, the aged, the lonely, and the stranger; aiding the uninterested to come forward; above all, telling the story of Jesus' love to the little ones in Sunday School, Mission Band and girls' groups. Help the mothers to so teach their children thought for others that later they may wish to share in the work of extending the Kingdom of God wherever they may be called to serve.

Hear, we pray Thee, our supplications on behalf of missionaries, doctors, nurses, deaconesses, and all helpers on mission fields; grant to each (at home or abroad) courage, strength and wisdom. We thank Thee for their consecrated, fruitful lives, as we ask Thy blessing on those won to Christ through their witness.

May the World Day of Prayer be the means of bringing many into Christian fellowship, through faith in Him whose abiding presence offsets fear. Where dissatisfaction and war are rife, cause the Gospel message to be widely spread; and throughout the wide world may the healing balm of love flow freely through the channel chosen by Thee—from neighbour to neighbour—that goodwill and peace may abound.

Aid us ever to remember that our sufficiency is in Christ; and teach us to put self aside, lest pride of achievement obscure the vision of the Cross, and of our risen Lord. In deep humility may all prayers, talents and tithes be offered unto Thee, to bless and multiply.

We ask all, with the forgiveness of our sins, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Thrice blest whose lives are faithful prayers,
Whose loves in higher loves endure. —*Tennyson*

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MRS. DANIEL STRACHAN

SEVERAL enquiries have come to the Treasurer about the continuance of the use of the Gold Mite Boxes for 1938. Lest there should be any misunderstanding, the Treasurer wishes to say that these boxes will continue to be used for the Special Retiring Fund for Missionaries. At the Council meeting in September, 1938, a further decision will be made regarding them.

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BY MARGARET NESS

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A Gospel Selling Trip to Sayarh

SAYARH is a small place in Datia State, about 50 miles from the nearest railway station. It is on a small river and the most prominent building is the palace of the Maharaja. Besides the *pacca* (metalled) road from Datia city to Sayarh, there is also a *kachcha* road (a rough road through the fields for the bullock carts) from Alampur. One of our Jhansi Christians, Jagdish Narayan, is the only Christian living in Sayarh, and he wrote to Dr. Miss Thurrott that a *mela* was being held and it was a good opportunity of preaching the Gospel to the people there. (An Indian *mela* has usually some religious significance. It is usually held by the side of a river which is considered sacred in some way or other. The river Ganges is considered the most sacred of all rivers, and every year hundreds of *melas* are held on its banks at different places. But usually the religious significance is thrown into the background, and stalls of all kinds, jugglery and dancing girls become the predominant features of the affair.) Thus it was decided that a party consisting of Miss Thurrott, Miss Williams, Mr. MacKay, Mr. Moti Lal, Mr. Kantali and myself would go there.

The 5th of December, 1936, was the day of that adventurous trip. We got up very early and made preparations, taking a bundle of food and another of Gospels. Exactly at 6.30 a.m. the car, loaded with an army of six, left the C. P. mission compound, Jhansi, and in an hour's time we had reached Chirgaon, 18 miles from Jhansi. . . . At 9.15 a.m. we were at Alampur, a fairly big town and the junction of the *pacca* and the *kachcha* roads. From here our journey took a new turn. We were on mud road meant for bullock-carts, which had for the first time the privilege of a car running over its bosom. Unfortunately, rain the previous day had filled the deep ruts of the bullock carts, which made the going very slippery, especially when the car was heavily loaded with six, none of whom was very light in weight. . . . It took us fully two and a half hours to cover scarcely six miles, which sounds like a slow motoring record. At 11.20 the road became so bad that we were forced to stop in a field by the side of the road. Here we took our food in the shade of some bushes which partly shielded us from the hot sun. We were able to dry our clothes a little and gain courage for the rest of the journey on foot, as we had decided to abandon the car. Then we took our bundles of Gospel portions and walked towards the place which, according to the villagers whom we met, was a *kos bhar* (a full two miles) from where we stopped. As we proceeded we continued to ask about the distance and it continued to be a *kos bhar*, until we almost despaired of reaching our destination. However, in the early afternoon we entered the gates of the town and were encouraged by the ready sale of our Gospels all down the street. We were greeted by the *Tahsildar,* one of the chief officers of the town, who seemed very much interested in Christianity and bought a New Testament in Hindi. Farther down the street we called on the chief magistrate. This was partly out of courtesy, as such men desire to be taken notice of. We were surprised to find him also interested in Christianity and very friendly. He took two Gospels and advised his subordinates to buy also. He would have liked to keep us longer to discuss Christianity, but as we were in a hurry we could only leave with him two Gospels and a short message about Jesus Christ, the only Lord and Saviour of mankind.

We then proceeded to the picturesque riverside where a *mela* had been going on for over a fortnight. This place was full of beautiful rock formations, and at different places stalls of various commodities were arranged. We went to each one of them and urged the people to buy. Often we read out some portions of the Gospel and explained that ''God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.'' Mr. Moti Lal, our pastor, stood on a raised platform and played some *bhajans* (Indian hymns) on his violin, which brought many people round him, and they listened with great interest to the word of God that he preached to them. In short, we had very good work there, and the success was so great that it filled us with joy and made us forget the hardships we had experienced on the *kachcha* road. In less than two hours we had sold all the Gospels we had taken with us from the car, a little over 200. But we had not yet met Jagdish Narayan and were almost disappointed. But as we were moving from stall to stall, we saw him standing like the ''man of Macedonia'', away on a rock beyond the river. We shouted for him, and lo! there he was with a greeting smile on his face, and in his hand a few clothes that he had been washing in the river. Jagdish Narayan is not directly engaged in evangelistic work, but is a humble employee in the State building works who tries to witness a good confession for the Lord Jesus Christ. He took us to his house. What an encouragement it was to him to have some Christian brethren come to him in a place where he is all alone among so many non-Christian people! After having a prayer with him and many non-Christians who were then at his house, we departed and turned our faces homeward. . . .

Shortly before nightfall we reached Alampur. It looked a little different from what we had seen of it in the morning on our way to Sayarh. The streets were well lighted and the people were gay. In a nutshell, the town was full of pomp and show. On enquiring we came to know that they were celebrating a Hindu festival called *Dasehra.* Here, too, we had some real good work. Even the young girls bought Gospels. I am glad to say that in a short time we had sold all the Gospels we had.

From there we had a good road and returned safely to Jhansi at 8.00 p.m., tired but happy.

It had been an eventful day for all, as well as for the motor car which seemed almost to perform miracles in the seemingly impassable places. On counting up our *paisas* we found that we had sold 347 books, all Gospels except about a dozen Christian tracts. What a joy it was to us to have been of service to those who bought His Word!

—N. D. Wishard, B.A., L.T.,
Head Master, C. P. Mission Boys' School, Jhansi.

OUR LETTER BOX

As Seen by a Member of Another Church

Kobe, Japan.

THE missionaries here (Miss MacLean, Miss MacDonald, and Miss Anderson) have made wonderful use of the money sent by the Board to provide a home for themselves. The house is on a beautiful hill overlooking the city of Kobe and the harbour. Some think it is too far up, but, after you have been here, you realize more and more how absolutely essential to good work and good health a pleasant home with quiet surroundings is to people who have to work in three different languages (Korean, Japanese, English) at once, you might say.

The girls very kindly took me in when I returned to Kobe; they have done everything to make us feel at home. The house next door where Dr. Young lived has been rented to the rest of our West China people. We cannot express in words our thankfulness and appreciation for all the things done by these three girls who have taken the little spare time they have to help us.

I will try to explain what they have to do in a day. Usually there are many callers on church business to interrupt the preparation of sermons and speeches. They have to attend all kinds of meetings on Sunday and other days. Besides this, they are spending some time learning Japanese, which is a very difficult language. They have many parishes to visit. Sunday is usually a very busy day for all of them. Each one goes to a different church and sometimes it is very late when they return, as most of the Korean church-goers come for the day. Sunday School leads on to church; church ends and women's society or other meetings begin; there is time for lunch, and then the evening meeting concludes a well-spent day.

We who have been brought up in Christian communities cannot even begin to realize what it means to a Korean or a Japanese to accept

Christianity. He must not only ''put off the old man and put on the new'', but he usually comes to ruptures with his friends and his own family. Kind, considerate Christian workers like these girls, who acknowledge no barrier of race or colour, help immeasurably, with the result that all family and personal troubles are brought to their ears. . . . Because I cannot give actual information about each mission, I am going to describe some meetings that I have attended.

Every month, on the third Monday, the pastors and Biblewomen of the surrounding country meet at Nagamine Yama for a prayer-meeting. Yesterday (October 18th) Pastor Hän spoke on ''Let not your heart be troubled.'' After the prayer-meeting they have a business meeting. Then the girls serve lunch, the men always in the living-room and the women in the dining-room. The meeting lasts from two until well after six. Any difficulties or troubles of the previous month are talked over and new plans made. Yesterday the women were discussing the poster which they want for their women for 1938. It was decided that all those who had not helped on last year's should make one of their own and bring it to the next meeting. (They, too, believe in co-operation and unity). The best will be used, but ideas may be taken from all.

On Sunday, October 17th, I went with Miss MacDonald to the C.P.R. office to see if the two Canadian missionaries for Manchuria were on the Empress boat. As they were not, we just had time to get to the Kobe Korean Church before the service began. The church, which was once a doctor's office, was on a small, narrow, side street. In the small entrance we removed our shoes and placed them on the racks. Then we went to the front of the room near the platform and sat with the other women on the floor. We were no more than seated when two elderly ladies behind pushed cushions under us. The room was small, with a few windows on one side; at the front was a platform and a reading desk from which Dr. Hän was explaining the Sunday School lesson as we entered. On the right of the platform was a small organ played by one of the kindergarten teachers; on the left, a table with some books; on the walls were some Bible pictures, a calendar and a clock. The men all sat on one side and the women on the other. At eleven o'clock the pastor announced the hymn ''O Day of Rest and Gladness''; the vocal harmony and the ardour of the singing would have put to shame a trained Canadian choir. Miss Anderson and Miss MacDonald both sang in Korean with the others. There followed a long and earnest prayer by one of the men; then a responsive reading, another hymn, the taking of the collection (by one of the women for the women and a man for the men), and the pastor's sermon. Everyone seemed to be deeply interested in the sermon; the small children and babies never disturbed the minister's train of thought; the dogfights outside never caught the interest of the men; they, one and all, kept their attention on the speaker. I was very sorry that I could not understand a word. After another hymn the meeting closed with the benediction.

The women's monthly meeting came next. Miss Anderson was the speaker. The president is the woman who keeps house for the girls. She immediately began the meeting by having them sing what sounded like a missionary hymn. As for the men, they have the same old custom of talking after Church to their friends and neighbours. Miss MacDonald had to explain who I was, etc., and, after much smiling and bowing, we started home.

On Saturday, October 16th, the kindergarten teachers met here. They discussed problems, new ideas. After tea I played for them and Miss MacLean and I taught them a little dance to teach their children. They all talked Korean, but Miss MacLean interpreted for me. They were as intelligent and as eager as any Canadian teachers.

What I enjoyed most of all, however, was my trip to a kindergarten at Osaka, carried on in connection with, and in one room of, the church. It is in a very poor district, but that does not interfere with the work; it only makes the environment a trifle more noisy! Here as before we entered in stocking feet; the assistant teacher brought chairs for us. There were about thirty-six children seated on small chairs in a circle, learning the second and third verses of ''Jesus Loves Me''. The teacher at the organ sang one line as she played; then the children repeated it. It all seemed so simple I found myself singing it with them and Miss MacLean. Then they played some action games, counted, marched, and did a few physical exercises. Each child had a part. As most of them were only four or five, there were a few bashful ones when it came to acting alone before foreigners, but in the group even the smallest seemed to enjoy doing his share. The teachers were pretty women who seemed to have all the patience and kindness in the world as they taught and mothered the small youngsters. Some of the mothers were present; one sat near us at the door with her youngest child in her arms. We left at recess, and the teachers and a number of the children came to the gate and bowed again and again in their graceful way, as we took our leave.

The mission work done by the United Church and the Anglican will be much the same, but it will be among the Japanese. I think the Presbyterian Church is the only one which does work among the Koreans here. If missionary societies and boards and missionary-minded people at home actually realized how these missionaries count every penny and make every penny count in forwarding God's work, I sincerely believe there would be no reduction of mission allowances but a greater increase in giving. Pastors and Biblewomen and congregations here show their appreciation of anything, however small, done in the name of Christ.

Korean and Japanese Christians bring their families to Church with them, believing in the words, ''Train the child in his youth in the way that he should go, and in his old age he will not depart therefrom.'' Before a Korean becomes a member of the Church he must profess his faith; then he must live up to his profession for so many months before he is accepted by the Church members. After he has become a member, if he does wrong, he is ''disciplined'', *i.e.*, barred from taking communion or barred from taking part in public services, the punishment depending on the enormity of the sin. I can readily imagine that this would not be exactly acceptable in America, but even a taste of it would do a lot of good to those of us ''who profess and call themselves Christians.''

I hope that this letter may give you a little information about how some of the work is carried on. I send best wishes from the missionaries in Japan to the homeland of Canada. May your endeavours prosper, your membership increase, your members become more zealous for the propagation of the Gospel and the extension of the Kingdom of God.

—Dorothy E. Mackenzie.

Busy Days in Formosa

Tansui, Taiwan.

BEFORE we came to Taiwan (Taiwan is Formosa's official name) I remember meeting a retired missionary who had spent forty years in the Orient, and he said, ''You will find one of your great compensations is the fact that you form deep friendships with your colleagues, deeper and more lasting than any friendships you would have formed at home.'' I have felt that this is true, and especially in times of stress we seem to draw nearer together, as if we were indeed one family.

There has just been a Leaders' Conference for young girls held at my house. Someone asked me, ''And what do you do towards it?'' which made me pause. It is true that I startle no audiences with thrilling words, I wave no impassioned baton to teach them new strains of music, but still I must be a ''cog in the wheels'' for it somehow, because it gives me such a busy time. ''I am the inn-keeper's wife,'' I told my questioner with delight, for I have heard that the Formosans call our house ''the Inn'', because we have so many guests. It is a grand kind of an inn to have, for while the guests leave no remuneration, neither dare they lodge any complaints! However, only Heaven knows all the ups and downs of the inn-keeper's wife's life,—how day after day the bread didn't come as ordered, and how before every meal

I would have to dash to the kitchen and make up scones, muffins or pancakes, until the baking powder gave out, too; how people kept popping in that hadn't announced they were coming and kept one doing arithmetic, sheets divided by beds, divided by people, pillows, blankets, towels,—the grand total making use of everything I had and almost everything my neighbours had!

Knowing that there is a hard winter before us with the people burdened with all kinds of extra taxes which add to their poverty, and with visions of more little urchins than ever on the streets, shivering within their insufficient clothing, I called my Formosan neighbours in to consult about it. They are busy mothers, too, but they offered to come one afternoon a week so that we might emulate the mother Burns has pictured, who

> Wi' her needle and her shears,
> Gars auld claes look amaist as weel's the new.

Last Sunday I went out into the country to visit a church with my husband. We had to start very early on Sunday morning. It was still black darkness when I bent over the children and tried to shake them awake. ''But it's still night,'' Sister protested sleepily as I carried her into a lighted room to be dressed. However, they bravely ate their rice porridge with the sleep still heavy in their eyes, and we started out on the ramshackle bus that takes us to Taihoku, where I left the children at the Upper Compound with Mrs. Little's children. Then we went on into the sunrise, on more shaky and springless buses, and on roads that became more narrow and more stony. But the mountains were beautiful before us, and on every hand we saw the harvest fields, golden and fragrant, and people working in the fields. Our destination was a little village in the foothills of the mountains, where three rivers meet and three mountains also. We walked along the little village street, and then turned aside and climbed up,—and I was glad that it was *up* and away from the din of the market-place,—up stone steps to a little, low white-washed church, which had been built just forty-three years ago. The walls were thick, and I could see that they had been made of mud and stone, but so well made that they had stood through the years. The benches were narrow and backless, the floor had been rough red tile, now broken and worn by time. But through the doorway was commanded a view of such breath-taking beauty that I felt that if one's life had been one long search for beauty, then here was culmination. The village, the river, the harvest fields, and beyond in the delicate blue-rose tinted atmosphere of autumn, mountains upon mountains outlined in the distance. My eyes kept wandering back to it during the singing of hymns, and after the quiet prayer. I forgot the early, scanty breakfast, the anxious boarding of buses in trying to find our way here, forgot also that I was precariously perched on the very end of the narrow bench in the crowded little church, forgot everything in the deep interest that I had in my surroundings. My husband was preaching on ''Love, the Way of the Cross'', and among his illustrations he told them of ''The Christ of the Andes''. He was preaching earnestly and they were listening still more earnestly,—I could see tears in their eyes, and I wished passionately that we of the West would only bring to these humble people good teaching and good things, that all the things of harm that our civilization has also bred would somehow never reach them here.

On the occasion of the visit of the Governor of the Province to Happy Mount Leprosy Colony. In the front row are Dr. and Mrs. Gushue-Taylor, Miss Douglas, Miss Hermanson and Miss Weir.

There were twenty-one to be baptized, three of whom were babies whose mothers were as thrilled and excited and happy as ever Hannah could have been in presenting her child to God. Among the others who took their places before the little table that served as altar was an old man of eighty, and a little old woman of seventy-eight who wished to be baptized. She was spotlessly clean, quite evidently dressed in her painful best, a black sateen blouse, her hair combed tightly and neatly back to a little knot, so tightly that not even one hair was out of place. I could not help wondering about her, what had been her thoughts as she brushed her hair that morning and prepared herself for baptism. Surely, at that age, she would have had other faiths along the way; what thoughts and experiences and reasoning then had given to her the courage to meet her Saviour in communion for the first time at seventy-eight?

I helped with the women's meeting in the afternoon, and then we started home. We were to go part of the way by push-car (something like a hand-car that runs on a narrow-gauge track), and then take a train. ''It will be less bumpy, although dangerous'', the people assured me cheerfully as we left them, which ''phased'' me not a whit, as almost everything in the Island is dangerous in somebody's eyes, and one learns to discern between real dangers and figments of the imagination. The little push-car passed through sunny valleys, across rivers, along mountain slopes, and I remembered that the preacher had said that some of the Christians had to walk four or five hours over this trail in order to reach the church. I had felt sorry for them then; now I thought that walk would really fill one's heart with thanksgiving toward God. The mountain air was wonderful, clear and invigorating.

—Lillian R. Dickson.

Among the Plains People of Formosa

Tansui, Formosa.

IN spite of changes and rumours around us we have continued in our school about as usual. The Women's School moved into a house formerly used by a missionary family. With alterations this house has been made very suitable for the needs of the school. The group of women in the school are happy and show a loving spirit of co-operation. We have two wee children studying there, children of doctors who returned from China at the beginning of the trouble there. As these children could not speak Japanese, they could not enter the public school. As they had studied in a mission school in China, they fitted in with us, and are learning Japanese as well as other things in our school. They seem to like the care given them by their ''big sisters''.

In August a woman, whose mother was an Ami woman and whose father a Pi-po (plains man), aboriginal people, went out from the Women's School to try doing Biblewoman work among the Pi-po people of a district in which a little church is located. Last week-end I went out to the church to meet her pupils and hear about her work. The village is near the foothills of the mountains which border the plain in the north-eastern part of the island. The journey was made by rail and bus, through twenty tunnels on the way. Saturday evening was spent in getting acquainted with the preacher's little family. Sunday morning the Christians gathered. The Biblewoman and her flock walked three hours to the service. These plains people are an interesting tribe.

They love to sing, which makes it easy to teach them hymns. The Biblewoman is having success there. One seventeen-year-old girl who has never been to school or studied before has learned to read, since the teacher has been among the people, just three months. I heard her read from the Bible verses she had not previously prepared. The families anxiously await their turn to have the teacher come to live at their house for a week or two.

At the home of an adherent of the church we were served a sumptuous meal. The dish which pleased me most was boiled fresh fish which seemed to be like tuna fish. Those people do not season their food with this spicy powder which the Formosans around here use, so that it is more palatable to me.

The woman who has sewed in this house for years but who has not yet become a Christian is showing real interest in the Gospel recently. She was ill in the hospital during the summer; since then she has openly expressed her desire to know more of the Truth. It is one of my pleasures to go to her house on Sunday evening and help her and her daughter-in-law learn to read the Bible stories. She has known how to read for many years, but has not used what she had, and does not yet know how to get the thought from the printed page.

If plans work out, January will be a month of change for me, for I am to go to Tokyo to attend the Language School for at least a year. My own inclination is to stay here among the Formosan friends, but one must know some of the national language and it is better to study away from the field of labour.

—Alma M. Burdick.

Back in Formosa After Language Study

Taihoku, Formosa, Japan.

FOR the greater part of this year, I was in Japan proper, at Language School. This was just like being back in one's school days, only one felt the need of concentrated effort a great deal more. . . .

To say I enjoyed my stay in Tokyo would be putting it mildly, and while at the School, it was my privilege, along with other students, to go on several trips. One of the most interesting of these was one taken to Kyoto and Nara during the Easter or school-year-end holidays. At one place we saw what is supposed to be one of the oldest wooden structures in the world. It is a Buddhist temple built in 586-607 A.D. In it are some priceless objects of Japanese art. And at Nara we saw a huge image of Buddha, made of bronze in 749 A.D., the largest image of its kind in the world. In Kyoto I saw one of the most beautiful gardens I think I have ever seen in Japan; the feeling of quietness and peace which seemed to permeate the whole place gave one the desire to stay here as long as possible. The beautiful cherry trees for which Japan is famous were just in bloom, and the pink blossoms reflected in the water of the pools, or contrasted against the fresh green grass, was indeed a sight worth seeing and remembering.

During the summer I revisited a place where I spent the summer six years ago—Karuizawa. This mountain resort is situated near an active volcano, Asama Mt., but this summer it was very quiet and there were no violent eruptions such as we felt and saw six years ago. At a conference here, ''The Fellowship of Christian Missionaries in Japan'', we had good fellowship together for three days. A change in the programme from other years made the place of discussion much more important, and I think all who attended were benefited. . . .

When I returned to Formosa about the middle of September, things seemed to be going on quite normally. Our Church work is still being carried on, and it was nice to get back into it again, and meet old friends. Some of the work I had before I went to Japan was just dropped, and it is rather discouraging to feel that only while one is here taking charge do meetings continue. However, I am gradually working into some of them again.

The outdoor evangelistic meetings have been stopped temporarily, but the groups who were doing this work are not just resting on their oars, but for the last four weeks, for two nights a week, have met together and discussed other, and perhaps better, methods of carrying on this work of 'preaching the Gospel'. These groups, you remember, were organized after Dr. Sung paid his visit here last year.

Our Girls' School having been taken over by the Government, we are concentrating more on the Women's School now, and have opened a new department for High School graduates, where they receive an education along lines such as—kindergarten teaching, Sunday School specializing, evangelistic work and home-making, etc., and although there were only two girls enrolled in this course last year, we know that more are coming in when the new school year begins in April. There is also a fine group of pupils in the lower department, from whom we hope to secure one or two new workers for the country churches.

In the church near the compound, I have a Sunday School class for women, and they have a very fine choir in this church in which I enjoy singing. A meeting for women is being started again in this church. Won't you pray that it may be a success and a means of bringing new members in the Church and strengthening those who are already Church members? There is a great need of work to be done among the Christian women, for the majority of them have not a very thorough knowledge of the Bible. True, they can read it; but there is the need for real Bible study, and as before I should like to concentrate on this work. —*Margaret M. Ramsay.*

At the Mackay Memorial Hospital Again

Taihoku, Formosa, Japan.

I AM back once more in the land of sunshine and evergreen and it feels good to be here. Things look much the same, except that the trees have grown, especially the palms; they were only a few inches tall when I left but are now away above my head. . . .

In the hospital are many changes,—perhaps improvements would be the better word to use. The centre court-yard has been laid out by a Japanese gardener, more shrubs and palms planted, and new cement walks put in. The old willow tree is still there, for which I am glad, for it would not seem the same place without it. The X-Ray room has been enlarged and a new machine installed. The special ward has new bed, chairs, carpet, lights and a fresh coat of paint; the women's ward, new beds; the operating-room, cupboards and light, with a good reflector. The repairs are still going on. The out-door department, the operating-room, and the main hall have now a wainscoting of white tiling. The floor of the chapel is now being done over, as the tiles were mended and the floor bumpy. I believe the whole building is to have a fresh coat of paint.

A few of the old staff are still here; it is nice to see some faces that I had known. The head nurse, my old standby, resigned and left a few days after I arrived back. I was sorry to see her go, but she had served her day faithfully and earned a rest.

—Ethel Chisholm.

From Mrs. Rohold's Christmas Message

Haifa, Palestine.

SEVEN years ago the waves of Haifa Bay broke on the shore where Haifa's main road, the Kingsway, runs to-day. Not without hard labour has the land been won from the sea, nor without courage and faith have large business blocks been erected on this reclaimed land during the last two years. Courage and faith were needed, since there has been much political uncertainty, perplexity and unrest in Palestine. In Haifa, however, there has been steady progress, which has been possible through both Jew and Arab having the prosperity of the city as their aim.

During the past year we have been grateful that German, Hebrew, British and Arab have co-operated in Christian work here in Haifa; racial antagonisms have been overmastered by a higher loyalty and deeper brotherhood. We have felt how Christ is the only one who can unite the peoples together.

This fellowship has led to some of the happiest gatherings in our experience. During these meetings men and women have told how they have been won to Christ. Some are newcomers who have been swept away by anti-Semitic persecution in Germany, and in Palestine have been rescued by the Saviour. The reclaimed area at the Haifa Port is rapidly becoming the business centre of the city; we are hoping that those who have been won to Him will prove to be centres for the King's Business wherever they settle.

Last year we asked for prayer for the Jewish people, particularly here in the Land of Israel; we feel the need even more at the present time. At the beginning of the year, as we went about our work, we saw the distress amongst Jews and Arabs; at the close of the year we see that the political uncertainty is as great as ever, the physical sufferings seem greater, and the spiritual need is immense.

We are rejoicing at this season in the Glory Song of the Angels above the fields of Bethlehem, and Christ would assure us that Goodwill must abound on the fields of Bethlehem with His coming as the Prince of Peace.

—B. D. Rohold.

News from Mr. and Mrs. Rayner

Suddie, Essequibo, British Guiana.

I WISH you could attend some of our harvest thanksgiving services. They make it the most important event of the year. Teachers and children get dressed in new clothes, and the children put on a programme of recitations, dialogues, songs, etc., which attracts many, even Hindus and Mohammedans, into the church or school, where they hear the Gospel message given by clean, shiny-faced children in a way that excels many sermons. The people send gifts in the form of bags of rice, eggs, fruit and vegetables, cakes and fancy-work. These are sold following the service on week-nights, or on Monday after the Sabbath services, at public auction. There is keen rivalry to see which church will do best. It is the one large native contribution of the year. Because these services are so important, the missionary has to be present; that means for over a month an average of four services a Sunday and four or five during the week.

—DeCourcy H. Rayner.

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It seems strange wishing one a Merry Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year with the heat and all the gorgeous flowers out. Everything is green and as I look out through our gallery window and see the ocean it looks like a mill pond. Strange, when in our beloved Canada it is cold. . . .

We live, as you know, on the Essequibo coast which is more or less the ghost coast of British Guiana. All the sugar estates are closed and the people are consequently very poor. They are underfed and one sees some terrible cases of skin disease, typhoid, dysentery and malaria. Being a nurse, I feel as though the best thing I can do is teach them preventive medicine and cleanliness. I have a girls' class and sometimes I get as many as sixty out. So far we have only had sewing and games, but I am gradually working them up to other things. They have never been taught to help themselves and so I am trying to make them realize that they can do much for themselves.

—(Mrs. DeCourcy) Marie Rayner.

At the Birtle School

Birtle, Manitoba.

. . . We had quite a time here at Christmas. The children enjoyed decorating and making costumes—wings, gauze dresses, Indian head bands with turkey feathers, night caps, etc. We even made a horse which was quite successful. There were many Indians and some people from town here. I think everyone enjoyed the concert . . . Then they rang bells for Santa Claus and our horse with two big girls in it came out instead. This relieved any tension that remained. In the programme there were some very nice drills; in one drill and song the little girls were pretty with their wings and red paper trimmings with holly and bells. The only thing that caused any disappointment at all was that eight of the children were isolated with chicken-pox. There are three more with it now. We traced it to visitors about a month before Christmas. They enjoyed themselves in spite of being confined. . . .

We get quite a few hockey accidents and frost bites and some burns, but no one has been actually sick for more than a day or two. One boy ran the fork through his toe when a colt jumped, but he isn't even lame. . . .

—Kathleen Stewart.

Prayer

A want, a need, a thirsting hungry cry,
A blind outstretching for His stronger Hand,
When days are dark, and we are sad and lost
Amongst the clouds that hide our Promised Land.

Then comes to us a sense of many wrongs,
And pouring out, confession fully streams,
We tell our Father as a stumbling child
How we have strayed aside, despite our dreams.

And then we wait, and listen for His Voice;
And, 'midst a silence strangely born of light,
A radiance pours within the soul,
While day returns—and fades away the night.

—Edith A. Vassie, in *Life and Work.*

Service of Worship for Youth

By Miss Constance Young,

Principal of Mount Allison School for Girls, Sackville, N.B.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, MARCH 4th, 1938

Theme: The Church—Our Unity in Christ

"One is your Master, even Christ"

Quiet Music

Call to Worship (all standing)

Leader: O God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Brief Silence

Hymn 482: (still standing) (Tune: *Franconia*)

Blest are the pure in heart
For they shall see our God:
The secret of the Lord is theirs;
Their soul is Christ's abode.

Still to the lowly soul
He doth himself impart,
And for His dwelling and His throne
Chooseth the pure in heart.

The Lord who left the heavens
Our life and peace to bring,
To dwell in lowliness with men,
Their Pattern and their King:

Lord, we Thy presence seek;
May ours this blessing be;
O give the pure and lowly heart
A temple meet for Thee.

(Kneeling)

Leader: O Thou, who art Truth and dwellest in light, we, earthbound, groping our way, turn our yearning eyes to Thee.

Response: *To see: to know: to understand: This we most earnestly desire.*

Leader: To be awake, aware, and not afraid of where the search for truth may lead us.

Response: *This we most earnestly desire. Hear Thou our prayer.*

Unison: Grant that in all our seeking we may bind it on the tables of our hearts that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; May we remember that it was through faith that the glorious company, whose heritage is ours, obtained a good report, and that without faith it is impossible to please Him.

Hymn (sung softly, still kneeling) (Tune: *Pentecost*)

Father in heaven, who lovest all,
O help Thy children when they call;
That they may build from age to age
An undefilèd heritage.

Teach us to bear the yoke in youth,
With steadfastness and careful truth,
That, in our time, Thy grace may give
The truth whereby the nations live.

Leader: Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Responsive Scripture Lesson (seated)

Leader: For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptised into Christ have put on Christ.

Response: *There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.*

Leader: I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Response: *There is one body and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.*

Leader: But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

Response: *Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.*

Leader: Jesus said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.

Response: *And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.*

Prayer (in unison)

O Lord our God, who hast called us one by one to be members of the great community of Thy people, and who hast bound us together by a common faith and purpose to serve Thee upon earth. Look down on us, we beseech Thee, and grant us Thy blessing, that we may ever seek to do Thy will, in singleness and gladness of heart. Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life, quicken us into newness of life, give us power and love and a sound mind. Loving the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, May we live for His service, and find our highest joy in seeking to do His will. May Thy blessing rest on every part of the work of the Church and on every one who seeks to be a fellow-worker with Thee. Amen. (From *Senior Day of Prayer Programme*).

Hymn 289: O Word of God Incarnate (Tune: *Lancashire*)

O Word of God Incarnate,
O wisdom from on high,
O truth unchanged, unchanging,
O light of our dark sky,
We praise Thee for the radiance
That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps,
Shines on from age to age.

It floateth like a banner
Before God's host unfurled;
It shineth like a beacon,
Above the darkling world;
It is the chart and compass
That o'er life's surging sea,
'Mid mists and rocks and quicksands,
Still guide, O Christ, to Thee.

The Church from her dear Master
Received the gift divine,
And still that light she lifteth,
O'er all the earth to shine;
It is the golden casket
Where gems of truth are stored;
It is the heaven-drawn picture
Of Christ the living Word.

O make Thy Church, dear Saviour,
A lamp of purest gold
To bear before the nations
The true light, as of old;
O teach Thy wandering pilgrims
By this their path to trace
Till, clouds and darkness ended,
They see Thee face to face.

(William Walsham How)

A Period of Intercessory Prayer (led by those previously appointed)

LEADER: Let us unite in prayer. (Kneeling or standing)

Jesus said: ''Ye are the light of the world.''

Let us pray that our witness as members of the Church may be a light in this troubled world. May we give our lives to great purposes, setting aside all shallowness, self-seeking, hardness, and loveless dealings; and may we strive to be fit for the indwelling of God's Holy Spirit.

Silence, to be followed by prayer by one appointed.

LEADER: ''And he shall stand and rule in the strength of the Lord.''

Let us pray for their Majesties, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, and for all set in authority over us, that they may be guided in wisdom and the fear of the Lord; and for all those who are working to establish peace among the nations.

Silence, to be followed by prayer by one appointed.

LEADER: ''Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these.''

Let us pray for our own community, that help may be found for unemployment, unjust wages, bad housing, intemperance, and other grievous ills in our midst.

Silence, to be followed by prayer by one appointed.

LEADER: Jesus said: ''And I, if I be lifted up, shall draw all men unto me.''

Let us pray for the Christian Church throughout the world that it may truly be ''a lamp of purest gold to bear before the nations the true light as of old.'' Let us pray for those of many nations who have not freedom of worship but are persecuted for the faith.

Silence, to be followed by prayer by one appointed.

LEADER: Jesus said: ''Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.''

Let us pray for those who are obeying Christ's command in carrying the Good Tidings both to those at home and in the distant places of the earth; that they may be strengthened by Thy power and have an abundant reward; and that many more may have it laid upon their hearts to enlist in this high service.

Silence, to be followed by prayer by one appointed.

Hymn 797: 3 and refrain (recite softly, still kneeling)

We've a message to give to the nations,
That the Lord who reigneth above
Hath sent us His Son to save us
And show us that God is love:

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
And the dawning to noon-day bright
And Christ's great Kingdom shall come on earth,
The Kingdom of Love and Light.

Brief Devotional Address—Suggested topic: Our Witness as Church Members

Solo (if desired)

LEADER: To-day many hundreds of girls throughout the world join in this service of worship and prayer. As we make our offering, let us make it no formal or grudging gift, but let us give in the spirit of consecration and love, praying that blessing may come to many through the medium of Christian literature, to which our offering on this day is always designated.

Offering

Prayer (in unison) after the offering:

O God, we pray Thee, accept our gifts. We thank Thee that through them we may work with Thee to create a happier and a more peaceful world. Amen.

Hymn 295: 1-4: The Church's One Foundation (Tune: *Aurelia*)

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is His new creation
By water and the word;
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore opprest,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distrest,
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.
Amen.

Closing Prayer (in which all should unite):

Now unto Him who is able to keep us from falling and to present us faultless before the throne of His glory, with exceeding joy, to the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. Amen.

Please send offerings to Miss Bessie MacMurchy, 122 South Drive, Toronto, Treasurer of the Inter-Board Committee of the Women's Missionary Societies of Canada.

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. John D. Holman, *Secretary*

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT METHODS

I HAVE learned that some method is absolutely necessary if we are to do effective work. The great difficulty with many missionary societies is that they are so casual. They go along in a rut, year after year, and go contentedly. So the first thing I would say is to study hard until you get a plan, and then work for all you are worth.

Then I have learned that the best plans are not lowered out of the sky on one woman, but are likely to be built up of careful and continued and faithful planning by a committee. Take a leaf out of the experience of the best organized women's clubs. They have a programme committee meeting regularly and planning out the work a year ahead.

A third thing I have learned is that a well organized society runs smoothly, without the jolts and jars that occur in a society where one woman tries to do everything. If I had only two women in a society I should have at least two committees with one member at the head of each committee.

Said a woman to me not long ago, ''I am just discouraged. Mrs. A. asked me to do something. I was taking real pleasure in it, and the first woman I called upon said, 'O yes, Mrs. A. telephoned to me about that this morning.' The trouble is she never trusts you to take care of your job.'' Such a president is training no one to take her place.

A president owes it to subordinate officers to talk over their responsibilities with them, to write down definitely, if it is not already defined in the constitution, just what their duties are, and when the understanding is complete, to trust them and let them know she is depending upon them.

I have learned that little things have a big power in the successful programme. Flowers for the desk; a careful arrangement of the seats; good ventilation; and attention to the hymns chosen, so that they fit into the topic of the meeting; choice of Scripture, and a score of other details, should be attended to by those who are appointed to look after them. They give atmosphere to the meeting.

I have learned that definiteness is greatly to be desired in the presentation of missions. Vague, big-worded, abstract presentation of general matter is uniformly dull. One concrete item about a real situation is worth everything.

I have learned that the deepest defect in all our programmes is our prayers. ''Praying always,'' ''In everything by prayer,'' says Paul. Why not interrupt a meeting to pray definitely for a need just brought to our attention? Why not remember our missionaries by names and by circumstances before the throne of grace? Why not make our meetings real intercessory gatherings? That is the way of power.

—*The Missionary Review of the World.*

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. John Kelman, *Secretary*

Dear Leader:

LATELY in the course of a conversation with a Chinese man, I learned first-hand of the bitter experiences his family and friends were having in his native land. A friend in Japan writes that her people are suffering, too, and need our prayers. Hearing such stories made me feel, as many of you have been feeling lately, sick at heart. We who profess belief in a God of Love see so many of His people suffering mentally and physically in various parts of His world.

''What can we do about it?'' I would say that there is much, very much, that we can do to help. This is so because in your heart and mine there exist at times the very seeds which begin all war: hatred, prejudice, oppression, pride, ignorance of other races and their culture. All these make for war. As we think of them, a slogan such as, ''We, small as the group, large as the world,'' may shine as a bright light. Such is the hope of the National Girls' Work Board, as it once again looks forward to C.G.I.T. week, February 6-13. Throughout the provinces of this Dominion, the growth of this movement will be celebrated and its purposes renewed in the hearts and minds of teen-age girls and leaders. This year, however, the theme leads us beyond ourselves, our group, our local church, and the shores of this Dominion. It challenges us to stretch out our arms, and clasp the hands of all God's children the world o'er. ''We are as small as the group —but as large as the world.''

Many suggestions for the celebration of this high occasion in the C.G.I.T. year are to be found in the January-February issue of the *Torch.* They include material for worship services, boys' and girls' activities, stories and much else. But if such a celebration is to accomplish much worth while, its meaning must be very real to us. Remembering the suffering which can be caused by a wrong ''we'', let us bring to this week a ''we'' determined to have a greater respect for human beings and a greater understanding of ourselves and fellow-group members. This will involve taking a good look at the ''we'' and deciding to broaden it. ''Its breadth will depend upon our horizons—the variety and worth-whileness of our interests, our friendships; its depth grows out of a genuine 'each-otherness,' and that may be learned in our small groups.''

''When gypsies love a road, they place a pile of stones that other gypsies may follow it. I, too, shall assist with the building of little roadside altars that the footsteps of travellers may be guided in the ways of beauty.'' Leaders and girls, if we love the road along which C.G.I.T. is leading us, let us build through our small group-life a ''We'' whose breadth is the world. —*Violet Tennant.*

MISSION BANDS

Mrs. A. R. Riddell, *Secretary*

NEWS FROM OUR HOME IN AMKHUT

WHEN it comes time to write another report the first thing that goes through my mind is that nothing new has happened, but as I think back over the past year I can recall many new things that have happened, and there are a few interesting things to report on.

First of all, there is the electricity. Although we were looking forward to the lights, little did I realize what a blessing it would be just to turn on a switch and have a real bright light. Not only is it convenient, but the lights have added an hour or two to the day.

There is little to report about the children, except that we have had a gift of two new babies, one coming to us late in April. Her mother died a few days after the baby arrived and the grandmother brought the infant to us when only five days old. She was very tiny, and they didn't know how to feed her. I had her some hours before she was able to take any milk and then I had to feed her with a medicine dropper. Now she is a fine normal girl of eight months. A few weeks ago we had her baptized and gave her the name ''Ashawanti'', which means ''Hope''. Our other infant was a Christmas gift, for she was brought to us a few days before Christmas. Her parents are both living but are unable to keep the baby. She is growing rapidly, and has already won a place in our hearts. The other kiddies are always glad to see a new baby come into the home.

We have treated from forty to fifty in-patients during the year, and each day a number of school children and adults have come for medicine or treatment, also smaller children and babies.

Cheni Bai, the new helper in the Children's Home, is deaf and dumb. She came to me one day in March for medicine. As she was run down physically and very unhappy, we took her in as a patient. After a week's rest and good food she was anxious to help us, so we let her make the children's bread. She does all the cooking and part of the washing for the children. Miriam, her little girl, is with us and her older boy Silas, who is now in the boys' hostel, was once living in the children's home. It would take too long to tell you how we converse or make each other understand, but we have hand signs and facial expressions that talk louder than words sometimes. These are known only to our little staff. Cheni Bai has a great sense of humour and enjoys a joke. By all appearances she is very happy.

Jiwan who has been helping with the younger babies is getting married in February. Elsie, another school girl, is taking her place. Elsie has been away one year at Shahpur Bible school and since coming back to Amkhut has helped with the children a short time each day.

At present we have eleven well children and a little boy and girl who have been with us a few weeks as boarders. Their mother is in Jobat hospital and will soon be returning to Amkhut.

Again I can close this report with thanksgiving in my heart for the way the children have been kept and for all God's goodness and love to us all.

—Iris Errey.

Note.—Attention is called to an error on page 2 of the Leaders' Corner (January, 1938): the last word in the third line of the fifth paragraph should be **pins** not **pens.**

Miss McConnell and children of Jobat congregation.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. C. E. JAMIESON, 1610 12TH AVE., W., CALGARY, PRESS SECRETARY

CALGARY P.S.—The Y.W. Associate Society of Grace Church, Calgary, arranged a special Thank-offering at their November meeting, instead of their annual tea, and the result showed an increase in the amount realized. Miss K. Armstrong gave a splendid paper on ''Changed Lives'' from the study book ''India on the March'', and several other members took part in answering questions from the same book. This programme was interesting and instructive.

St. Andrew's Gwalior Y.W.M.S. entertained the Y.W. Auxiliaries of Knox and Grace Churches on December 2nd. A beautifully impressive worship service set a high note of fellowship which was sustained throughout the evening. Miss Pelton gave a most inspiring address on ''The Church, a Divine Institution''. The Presbyterial Y.W. Secretary expressed the appreciation of all the Calgary groups for Miss Pelton's work.

Edmonton P.S.—Christmas was the occasion for sending north a number of splendid parcels, the work of our younger members. First

Church Mission Band, Edmonton, reorganized under Mrs. Blott, sent a box of gifts; Strathcona Y.W.A. contributed well-made garments, their own work; and the Mission Band, toys they had made; Rupert St. Mission Band also sent gifts. All these, on exhibit before forwarding, won high praise from those viewing them.

A successful rally of five Edmonton Mission Bands was addressed by Miss Pelton and Mrs. Moors, the children contributing a pleasing programme of songs, recitations and plays.

The value of a Home Helpers Department was again demonstrated by the report of Mrs. J. Wilson, First Church Home Helpers Secretary, at the Auxiliary annual meeting. $261.34 was added to the general fund from this source, a practical outcome of the interest shown by the members of this department.

Macleod P.S.—The Thank-offering meeting of St. John's Auxiliary, Medicine Hat, was successful from several viewpoints: the address of Mrs. McClenaghan, acting Presbyterial President, was very convincing regarding the spiritual values of our missionary efforts; the offering was generous, and the music, given by Miss McWaine and Miss Poppiwell, very delightful.

Red Deer P.S.—The fall sectional meetings coincided with the visit to the province of the Moderator, Dr. Munroe, and Dr. Kannawin, and their presence and addresses added greatly to the interest. At Carstairs, Dr. Munroe brought the message of the Church, stressing the need of a pioneer spirit, *i.e.*, of people with vision and with sympathy in the broadest sense of the word. The devotions were taken by the Olds Auxiliary and musical numbers given by the Carstairs Mission Band and Rev. D. Campbell. It was decided, as Miss Lamont suggested, to have Auxiliaries answer roll call by recounting the best thing accomplished during the year. At Rocky Mountain House, 39 attended, representing three Auxiliaries. Mrs. J. M. McLean presided and Dr. Kannawin was the guest speaker. Miss A. Bannerman read a paper on ''Turning the Dial of Our Missionary Radio'', and Mrs. Macdonald, of Red Deer, on Dr. and Mrs. Goforth. The Sylvan Lake ladies led the devotions; and Mrs. E. Ayre and Mrs. J. Ferguson gave a duet, and Mrs. Fife sang ''The Old Rugged Cross''. An opportunity to view the new W.M.S. hospital was afforded after luncheon. At Willowdale the Young People's Society presented a pageant, ''The Straight Path'', depicting the beginnings of the Women's Missionary Society and its relation to the Church. The overseas mission fields were represented, and their appreciation to the Society shown. Dr. Kannawin spoke particularly to the young people, telling of the need for many more missionaries, and his appeal, illustrated simply, made a strong impression on his listeners. Four Auxiliaries sent 44 delegates. Rev. Mr. Taylor, of Innisfail, conducted the opening devotional exercises.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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VICTORIA P.S.—At the annual Thank-offering of St. Andrew's W.M.S. Auxiliary, Victoria, Mrs. W. J. White, of Ladner, B.C., historian of the Provincial Society, gave the history of the missionary work of our Presbyterian Church, in Canada and on the foreign field, from its inception to the present time. Mrs. R. A. Brown, on behalf of the members, thanked Mrs. White for her fine address. The meeting closed with a social hour.

When the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Church, Victoria, met early in December a very encouraging treasurer's report was read. To reach their objective this Auxiliary gave two Junior memberships. An interesting letter was read from Jhansi, India, also a splendid paper prepared by Mrs. R. A. Brown on our work here for the last seventy years.

Kamloops–Okanagan P.S.—Mrs. K. Y. Hutchison, of Penticton, presented a Life Membership to Mrs. D. A. Fowlie.

Westminster P.S.—The home of Presbyterianism on the mainland of British Columbia is New Westminster, the original church building being now used as an annex to St. Andrew's. In recent years the attention of the Women's Missionary Society members has been drawn there as the home of two honoured workers in India, Mrs. Angus MacKay (Miss Catherine Moodie) and Miss Ellen Douglas. Is it surprising that New Westminster should produce such as these, when Knox Church reports the twenty-first birthday of its Mission Band? Organized in 1916 with Miss Jean Oswald as leader, it is still continuing with the same leader. Six years ago a much-felt need was filled in the formation of a Boys' Band. On 27th November the combined Bands celebrated the coming of age of the girls' Band. A varied programme was enjoyed and everyone honoured the faithful, untiring service of Miss Jean Oswald.

Mrs. C. B. McIntosh, who was a valued W.M.S. member at Three Hills, Alberta, now fills a similar place in Mount Pleasant Auxiliary, Vancouver. Her worth has been recognized by this Auxiliary in the presentation of a Life Membership.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Fairview Church, Vancouver, in reviewing the year's work, notes a year of great privilege in the speakers heard. So many returning missionaries, passing through Vancouver, have told of their experiences. It lends zest to know that we are not alone in the work of the Kingdom.

MANITOBA

MRS. GEORGE REYNOLDS, 218 YOUNG ST., WINNIPEG, PRESS SECRETARY

AN opportunity was given the women from the various churches in Winnipeg to meet the W.M.S. Auxiliary of the All People's Mission, Gonor, at a tea at the home of the Presbyterial President, Mrs. H. H. Dunwoody. Mr. and Mrs. Troyer, the missionaries in charge, were present with others from Gonor. This also afforded a convenient way of contributing to a very fine missionary cause. This Auxiliary wished to augment the funds necessary for the work.

At the annual meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, on December 7th, a very interesting part of the programme was the presentation of five Life Memberships, three of them the gift of Auxiliary members and friends, and two contributed for by the Ladies' Aid Society. The President, Mrs. G. A. Warrington, spoke briefly of the many good qualities of the recipients, Mrs. Matthew Allison, Mrs. R. W. Anderson, Mrs. S. M. Coventry, Mrs. A. L. Kernaghan and Mrs. N. B. Henry.

Mrs. R. Brodie Anderson was honoured by being made a Life Member by the members of Old Kildonan W.M.S. Auxiliary at the annual meeting. Mrs. J. P. Duffin, in presenting the gift, spoke of Mrs. Anderson's splendid work for the Auxiliary, of which she was twice President, in all for a term of six years. At the close a social hour was spent at the President's home.

ONTARIO

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PROVINCIAL annual meeting, Knox Church, Galt, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 26, 27, 28. Requests for billets must be sent by April 1st to the Secretary of the Billeting Committee, Miss Mary Oliver, 25 James Street, Galt.

An important event in the history of St. Andrew's Church, Maxville, Glengarry Presbyterial, was the celebration on November 24th of the fiftieth anniversary of the Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary. A history of the Auxiliary since 1887 was given by Mrs. Ellen Stewart, its secretary for forty years. Greetings were received from the Council Executive, Glengarry Presbyterial, the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, Glengarry Presbytery and sister Auxiliaries. Four past presidents were present. A registration book was signed by one hundred and sixteen guests.

The thirty-fifth anniversary of the Barbara Kirkman Auxiliary, Seaforth, Huron Presbyterial, was observed at a meeting in First Church, Seaforth. Mrs. S. I. McLean gave a talk on ''The Aftermath of Vacation Days''. Mrs. J. G. Mullen related her experiences at the Coronation and Mrs. John Sclater gave an interesting résumé of the Presbyterial meeting in Blyth. The past presidents lighted the candles on the birthday cake, which Miss Belle Smith cut. The Douglas group, of which Mrs. MacTavish is convener, had charge of the meeting.

A large and interested audience greeted the Fireside Fellowship group of St. Andrew's, Sarnia, at an open meeting under the leadership of Miss Anna Young. Mrs. D. Ritchie, Point Edward, gave an address on ''Remembering'', suggestive of the anniversary of the Armistice and of our Presbyterian traditions. Articles made or reconditioned by the girls to be sent as Christmas gifts for Miss Grigor's work at Prestville, Alberta, were on display.

At the December Executive meeting of Toronto Presbyterial in Knox Church, Toronto, regret was expressed that Mrs. A. C. Stewart, the President, was leaving with her husband, Rev. A. C. Stewart, for Midland. Mrs. W. Hall, Vice-President, introduced three immediate past presidents, Mrs. J. A. Hilts, Mrs. J. G. Inkster, and Mrs. V. A. Smith, each of whom paid tribute to Mrs. Stewart's valuable work for the Presbyterial and wished her Godspeed. A bouquet of chrysanthemums was presented Mrs. Stewart on behalf of the Presbyterial.

The Young Women's Auxiliaries of Hamilton, Dundas and Waterdown held a successful ''Calendar Tea'' in Knox Church, Hamilton, under the direction of Mrs. N. D. MacDonald, Y.W. Secretary. Twelve attractively arranged tables were decorated to represent the months of the year. Novelty booths, home cooking and a pleasing programme were other features of the delightful tea. Hamilton Leaders' Fellowship Conference was held in November in Knox Church. Miss Lillian McNab, the President, welcomed those in attendance. A paper on Worship Programme Building was given by Miss N. Smith, Toronto. Miss T. Negoro, Assistant Young Women's Travelling Secretary, gave an excellent review of Basil Mathew's *Shaping the Future.* At the supper hour Miss Blanche Armstrong brought gracious greetings from Hamilton Presbyterial, stressing the importance of the work of the young women of to-day who are the Senior Auxiliary members of to-morrow. Mrs. R. Goldwin Smith, Lansing, the guest speaker, held her audience in rapt attention during her address on ''Discipleship'', taking as her text, ''Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.'' Miss M. Sellar, past president of the Fellowship, closed the Saturday evening session with an impressive worship service. On Sunday afternoon in Erskine Church, the home church of the beloved Mildred Soutar, a Service of Remembrance was held. Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, Jobat, India, was the speaker and paid high tribute to the sterling qualities of Miss Soutar. The choir of the Girls' Home, Hamilton, under the leadership of Mrs. Barton, rendered musical selections.

At the Ottawa Presbyterial Mission Band rally in St. Giles Church, Ottawa, twenty-three Junior certificates, twelve blue, two silver, three gold, two red seals and two Honour Member pins were presented by Mrs. C. H. Thorburn, O.B.E. Mrs. W. Eadie, Presbyterial Mission Band Secretary, was in charge of the programme. Greetings were brought from Presbytery by Rev. R. Good, the Moderator. Mrs. J. R. Hill, Provincial Mission Band Secretary, gave a helpful message. Mrs. D. Nichol, recently returned from India, thrilled the children with her descriptive address.

Seventy-five people, keenly interested in Mission Band activities, from Port McNicoll, Victoria Harbour, Penetanguishene, and Midland attended a fine Mission Band rally in Knox Church, Midland, Barrie Presbyterial. Mrs. M. W. Heslip presided. Impersonations of our missionaries on the Bhil field and the story of the work of each was splendidly carried out by the children. Six little girls of the Midland Band and the members of the Rosalind Goforth Band, Penetanguishene, contributed music, accompanied by Mrs. L. E. Gosselin. The Goforth Mission Band, Collingwood, presented a delightful programme of Christmas carols, dialogues and a Christmas pageant, ''The World's Friendship Christmas Tree'', directed by Miss O'Brien, assisted by Mrs. Carmichael, Miss Jean MacMillan, and Miss Jean Shipley. At a meeting at the home of Mrs. Grigg, Elmvale, Mrs. N. R. D. Sinclair, Allandale, spoke. As a prelude to her address she gave the Scottish version of the 23rd Psalm, followed by the Syrian interpretation. Referring to the noble and sacrificial service of our missionaries, she emphasized the service given ''The Beautiful Isle'', Formosa, by the pioneer missionary, George Leslie Mackay, who dedicated the church at Elmvale at its opening in 1895. A faithful member of the Auxiliary, Mrs. W. J. McGuire, was presented with a Life Membership as a Christmas gift.

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SASKATOON P.S.—St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Saskatoon, was addressed by Miss Jessie Duthie, who gave a résumé of the 1936 *Glad Tidings.* A brief memorial service was held for Mrs. James Barrie, a former Vice-President.

Parkview Auxiliary held a cradle-roll day, and invited all mothers and babies. Miss Mabel Booth spoke on the life of Annie Johnson Flint. At the close of the meeting a party was arranged for the children.

Regina P.S.—Twenty-five from Strasbourg, Semans, and Nokomis, attended the meeting at Cymric. Miss Lamont, Field Secretary, spoke on ''The Needs of the Church''. Mrs. Ralston, Provincial President, gave a talk on ''Prayer'', and Mrs. G. M. Bell told of our present work throughout the world.

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Editorial

Miss Forsyth Resigns

THE Council Executive suffered a distinct loss in January, when Miss Elizabeth Forsyth tendered her resignation as a member of the Board. Since her appointment in 1933, Miss Forsyth has given herself unsparingly to the work of the Women's Missionary Society. Shortly after becoming a member of the Council Executive, she was made Assistant Corresponding Secretary, but for the past four years she has held the position of Recording Secretary, discharging the duties of that office admirably. Very regretfully did the Council Executive accept Miss Forsyth's resignation.

Chinese War Relief

ON another page appears a statement sent out by the Foreign Mission Secretaries of the Canadian Boards regarding assistance for the war-sufferers in China. The women of Canada, especially the missionary-minded women, will not let this appeal go unheeded. The Council Executive, on the 18th January, agreed to send $500 to the National Committee for the Relief of War Sufferers in China, a committee of the Red Cross and the Religious Bodies of Canada, as a contribution from the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada for Chinese War Relief. This amount was taken from the Sustaining Fund.

A Correction

WE greatly regret the inaccurate information contained in the paragraph in the February *Glad Tidings* referring to Miss Margaret M. Reid's record of service in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The confusion of her name with that of another member of the Board led to an unfortunate error. It was in 1902 that Miss Margaret M. Reid, who recently resigned from the Council Executive, became a member of the Board of Management of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, on which she held the office of Home Secretary. From 1925 when she became a member of the Council Executive of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) she acted for a short time as Young Women's Secretary. Until 1931 she served as Recording Secretary and then as Secretary for China and Manchuria, acting also as Historian for several years.

News from Manchuria

WORD has been received from Rev. W. G. Davis that the work of our mission in Manchuria is being carried on as usual, under Mr. and Mrs. Davis in Taonan and Rev. E. H. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson in Szepingkai. The fighting to the south has not affected their work. Mr. Davis asks that our people in Canada should continue to support the workers in Manchuria by their prayers. Rev. Allan Reoch and Mrs. Reoch, of Szepingkai, left in January to return to the East.

A New Feature

IT is our purpose to include an ''Auxiliary Page'' in the *Glad Tidings,* in the hope that it may in various ways be helpful to Auxiliaries. Suggestions will be gladly received as to any way in which members of an Auxiliary feel the page may be a help to them. Questions arise from time to time on points connected with Auxiliary work the answers to which, if given on this page, may benefit Auxiliaries other than those submitting the questions. If any member, therefore, has a difficulty to be cleared up or a question to be answered, will she send it in to the editor? The first Auxiliary page, in this issue, deals with the Study Books which were suggested for this year.

A Pioneer in Hospital Work In the West

ON the 22nd January, 1938, Miss Katherine E. McTavish passed away in the Toronto Western Hospital at the age of eighty-two. A graduate of the Toronto General Hospital, Miss McTavish, after nine years as Superintendent of Nurses at the Hospital for Incurables, Toronto, was for some years Superintendent of Nurses in the Vancouver General Hospital, until in 1902 she was appointed to the staff of the Atlin Hospital, which the next year came under the Women's Home Missionary Society. Resigning as Superintendent at Atlin in July, 1910, she took post-graduate work in the East before returning to the West as Superintendent at the new General Hospital at Prince Rupert, British Columbia. From there she went to the Hugh Waddell Memorial Hospital at Canora, Saskatchewan, under the Women's Missionary Society, where for four years she was Superintendent. After retiring from active service in 1921, Miss McTavish lived in Toronto. The funeral service in Chalmers Church, Toronto, was conducted by Rev. J. H. Mustard. The sympathy of the Society is extended to her brother, Mr. T. H. McTavish, Toronto.

New Addresses

SINCE the list of names and addresses of Women's Missionary Society workers appeared in the December issue, the following new addresses have been received:

Miss S. V. Scott, 624 10th Ave., E., Vancouver, B.C.; Miss Hazel Macdonald, Suite 11, 269 Young St., Winnipeg, Man.; Miss Mary Murray, 32 Dalton Rd., Toronto, Ont.

New Lantern Slides

THE new set of lantern slides on Manchuria, with a new lecturette, has been sent out to all the Provinces and is now available for the use of any groups desiring it.

A Fourth Centenary

BRITISH people everywhere should be interested in the commemoration this month of the four hundredth anniversary of the placing of the Bible in the churches of Britain, with all that that event has meant for British life and liberty. It was in 1538 that the Royal Injunction was issued that the Bible should be set up in every church. As part of a nation-wide plan of education upon the place and use of the Bible, material for study has been issued for use in connection with four broadcast talks during March on the general subject, ''The Splendour of the Bible''. These talks will be given by Viscount Sankey on ''The Bible in England''; by the Right Hon. Ernest Brown, Minister of Labour, on ''The Bible in the World''; by the Right Hon. Isaac Foot, on ''The Bible in Personal Life''; and by the Archbishop of York, on ''How to Know the Bible''.

The Madras Meeting

LEST any of our readers should be perplexed by references that may be made from time to time to the ''Madras Meeting'', it may be well to set out the facts briefly, even though that means repeating information already given.

The International Missionary Council was to meet in October, 1938, in Hangchow, China; the last meeting was in Jerusalem in 1928. War conditions in the Far East, while furnishing no reason for cancelling the meeting for this year, rather making the holding of it still more urgent, did necessitate a change in the place of meeting. The Council, therefore, accepted the invitation of the National Christian Council of India to meet in December at the Madras Christian College at Tambaram, a suburb of Madras. Of the place and the plans for the meeting the *Missionary Review of the World* says:

''It (Madras) is near the heart of the Mass Movement area where a strong Christian community is growing rapidly, and where visitors from other lands may observe much that will be instructive and encouraging. While the Indian Christians eagerly welcome the coming of the Conference to Tambaram, Bishop Azariah spoke on their behalf in hoping that the

Conference would be indeed an œcumenical conference bringing Christians from all parts of the world to India. Although conditions are uncertain in the Far East, it is hoped that there will be a strong delegation both from China and from Japan, as well as from other parts of Asia, Africa, Latin America and the West. The conditions which the Christians of these two countries of Asia face are of major concern to Christians of all lands and make the strengthening of Christian ties more important than ever. The Christian Church, the Church Universal, must stand in united witness to its faith to-day. This will not be a conference only on problems in the Far East. It is the regularly called decennial meeting of the International Missionary Council, coming together to consider fundamental problems of the Christian mission. It will be concerned with the world-wide witness of the universal Church. The Faith by Which the Church Lives, the Witness of the Church to its Faith, the Inner Life of the Church, the Church and its Environment, and Closer Co-operation among Christians; these were the five topics named for world-wide study, action and consultation. The meeting of the Council furnishes the opportunity for this consultation among the representatives of national groups in international conference. This programme, launched a year ago, will continue as planned. It has emerged out of the life experience of these national groups and continues as a guiding influence for thought, action and prayer around the world.''

The expenses of the delegates from North America to the Madras meeting of the International Missionary Council are being pooled, each Board represented in the Foreign Missions Conference of North America contributing a certain amount based on its expenditure for missions. Our Society is making its contribution in two payments—$103 last year and the same amount this year. The seven delegates from the Canadian Churches will go as representatives, not of any special Church, but of all the Churches of Canada.

May every life that touches mine—
Be it the slightest contact—
Get therefrom some good;
Some little grace; one kindly thought;
One aspiration yet unfelt;
One bit of courage
For the darkening sky;
One gleam of faith
To brave the thickening ills of life;
One glimpse of brighter skies
Beyond the gathering mists—
To make life worth while
And heaven a surer heritage.

—*George Eliot.*

Treasurer's Statement for 1937

THE auditor's statement was received and accepted at the meeting of Council Executive on February 15th, and it will appear in full in the Annual Report.

The following statement is based on the auditor's statement:

RECEIPTS

Alberta	$ 3,984.13	
British Columbia	5,567.28	
Manitoba	3,231.77	
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		$142,128.18
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		$143,847.65

This is a decrease in Provincial givings of $1,394.79 over 1936. But the estimate for Provincials for 1937 was $151,000, so that they have fallen behind $8,872.

For some time we have said that it was growing more and more impossible to keep expenditures down to a figure so much below estimates and this year our fears are fulfilled and expenditures for 1937 are $145,456.65 as compared with $134,936.29 in 1936—an increase of $10,520.36:

Expenditures for 1937	$145,456.65
Receipts for 1937	143,847.65
Deficit for year	$1,609.00

We have no apologies to offer for the increase in expenditure. It was unavoidable, and no department was responsible; and, after all, the expenditure was very considerably below the estimate of $151,000. It is our receipts that must be increased.

What really is of concern to the Finance Committee is not so much the year's deficit of $1,609 as the fact that the receipts are so very far below the estimate.

Can we do better in 1938? We believe so. Let no Provincial, Presbyterial or Auxiliary say we have done our best.

The Finance Committee of Council would suggest that this year all of us *concentrate on our own work,* the work we are pledged to support. Let us speak about it, study about it, pray for it, give to it, put the work first and ourselves and our own ideas last. If that is done by young and old, we predict that the Society will be much nearer meeting the $152,000 required this year for our work.

(Mrs. Daniel) Helen M. Strachan,
Treasurer.

Is Our Christian Faith Real?

OF the many vital and pressing problems that came before the Foreign Missions Conference of North America at its recent meeting in Toronto none aroused a deeper interest or called forth such strong expressions of feeling as did that of responding to the heart-rending appeal for aid for the war-sufferers in China. The major part of one of these busy sessions was devoted to its consideration. The feeling that dominated the discussion was that here was not only a supreme opportunity, but an imperative challenge to the Church to demonstrate the reality of the faith she proclaims and to translate that faith into deeds of mercy.

The resolution in which the Conference expressed its conviction on the subject and voiced its call to action was adopted by a standing vote. Its appeal gains added strength from the fact that no Body in North America is in closer touch with the situation or is possessed of wider and more authoritative knowledge of existing conditions in that country. The following are some extracts from the resolution:

> ''We are confronted with a situation in the Far East which already involves human suffering on a scale unparalleled since the World War. Millions of men, women, and children are homeless and on the verge of starvation. They will perish unless the Christians of the world rally to their rescue. If in this hour of China's supreme distress the Christian Churches of North America rally to the help of sufferers in China, they will give a demonstration of the reality of their own Christian character and will strengthen their witness to the Gospel of Christ which they profess and proclaim.
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> ''In view of the situation Be It Resolved
>
> 1. That the Foreign Missions Conference recognizes that this is a primary responsibility which the Protestant Churches of North America must accept as their own and to which they must devote unstinted energy;
> 2. That the Conference urges all Churches and Mission Boards in North America to do their utmost in responding to the needs of the suffering people of China;
> 3. That all members of this Conference, as individuals, accept responsibility for arousing interest and securing, as well as making, gifts in their local Churches and communities.''

The resolution further sets up a special Committee on Relief in China to carry forward the share of the Foreign Missions Conference in this responsibility and to seek the co-operation of Mission Boards and national Church organizations in the nation-wide campaign for China's relief.

Canada is in the lead in issuing such an appeal. May she be in the lead in her response! The Religious Bodies in Canada, including the

Catholics, the Jews, and the various Protestant Bodies, together with the Canadian Red Cross, have united in a nation-wide common effort to raise a Fund through which our people may express their sympathy in tangible form.

All ministers throughout Canada are being asked to bring the appeal to the attention of their people and seek to secure a generous response. The banks are heartily co-operating, arrangements having been made whereby every local bank is a receiving agency. Donations, either individual or church, made payable to the ''Red Cross Chinese Relief Fund'' may be deposited with any local bank, together with contributors' names and addresses so that official receipts may be forwarded. Let us demonstrate the reality of our faith by our response to this tragic need.

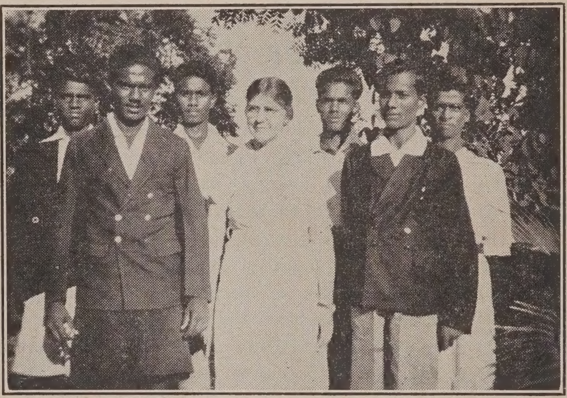
November "Mela"

By Mrs. A. R. McMurrich

EVERY year sees united Christian conventions or ''melas'' in our mission fields in India. Last November the missionaries in Jhansi had almost given up the usual custom, as several missionaries were absent and it seemed impossible to secure a suitable leader for the services. But the Hindu people seemed so disappointed and promised to bear a full share of the responsibility for the arrangements, then at the eleventh hour they were able to have Mr. Bakht Singh, a noted young Indian preacher who was converted to Christianity a few years ago and whose story is very interesting. A Sikh, well-educated and of high caste, he was proud of his ancient race and traditions and particularly hostile to Christianity. He went to England to take a degree in engineering that would assure him of a brilliant career. When returning to India, he attended a Sunday service in the dining-saloon of a huge ocean liner, simply from curiosity to see the beautiful first-class accommodation. When everyone knelt in prayer he knelt, too, from a desire to be inconspicuous; but while he was on his knees something happened to him. The spirit of God entered his proud heart and the words, ''Ye must be born again'', began to have real meaning. A friend gave him a Bible; he learned to study it, and to pray, and very soon accepted Christ as his Saviour, and longed to help others to know Him. He gave up his family, his former ancient religion, his profession, and in 1933 became an evangelist. He did not attach himself to any particular Church or mission, but works as he feels directed by the Holy Spirit and without stated salary.

On his arrival in Jhansi he told the missionaries that he had felt unequal to the task of conducting more meetings without a rest and change as he was very tired, but the Lord had spoken to him so definitely that he could not refuse. From the first his meetings proved to be different from any that had been held previously, both by the inspiration of his message and the interest that was awakened. This interest was so great that the schools had to be closed for several days, so that no one need be denied the privilege of attending the services. These often lasted till far into the night and the hours between were spent in prayer and Bible study. Ten young men, twenty-six women and girls, and thirty-six of the senior boys accepted Christ as their Saviour and dedicated their lives to His service. Many others re-affirmed their faith and made a new surrender.

Dr. Thurrott writes: ''Never had we expected to see such a manifestation of hunger after God. Day after day men and women, boys and girls, hurried through their work and hastened to the church. Every night many seemed called on to spend hours in prayer and praise. The Holy Spirit moved mightily in our midst convicting of sin and revealing the things of Christ. Life-long sins were confessed and put away and many wrongs righted. We have the promise, 'He which hath begun a good thing in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ,' so we are confident that this work which is begun will continue and increase to the glory of His Holy Name. We are taking this opportunity to tell you of this our joy so that you may rejoice with us and continue to pray for even greater results.''



Dr. Thurrott and her Sunday School Class

It seems as though all this is a part of the great ''forward movement in evangelism'' that is being felt in India and is the manifestation of God's blessing on the efforts of His devoted and faithful servants and His answer to the prayers of those who have borne India on their hearts for so long. Our missionaries in the Bhil field are hoping to have

Mr. Bakht Singh with them for the spring *mela* in March. They had felt the same enriching power of the Holy Spirit and seen wonderful results from the ministrations of Mr. and Mrs. Tobit, converted Hindus, who held meetings for them last year. This does impress upon our minds that it is their own people who have learned to know Christ that can be most effective in bringing Him to the people of India.

Our Place of Work

MACKAY Memorial Hospital was founded to serve as a hospice where the broken bodies of men might be refitted for work in the velvet-green rice fields; where men's tortured minds might find release from the anxieties associated with illness; and where their groping spirits might be led in quest of the Eternal as revealed in the life and thought of our Lord and Master, the Physician of Nazareth.

Thousands of men, women and children have entered the Hospital's corner gate. Aged men, emaciated with cancer, have slowly let themselves down from their rickshas to challenge our helplessness with their frailty; young mothers arrived in taxis to deliver their first-born in the luxury of clean and healthful surroundings; ever so many wee tots with tuberculous glands have here first been introduced to fresh air, good food, cod liver oil, and supervised nursing; phthisical students have surrendered their prejudices and submitted to the foreign lung-collapse treatment; and hosts upon hosts of folks have travelled in all manner of vehicles from the neighbouring villages to have the foreign doctor's scalpel deliver them from their tumours and inflammations, after the herb-doctors and sorcerers had failed. These sufferers came because former patients had been relieved of their complaints, kindly and at a minimum cost. To most people the foreign hospital was a last trial, to be approached with misgiving. Nevertheless, sympathy, hope and science won their way and welded lasting friendships.

The best that medical skill could offer was placed at their disposal. No one was refused attention. It became a Church medical centre where the poor, for a fraction of the ordinary medical fee, could obtain medicine, receive surgical treatment and be nursed through grey days in an environment very different from that in the communal house in the country village.

As the years have come and gone the medical staff have ofttimes wondered if the changed emphasis of the modern hospital routine was consistent with the ideals of the institution's founders. One reflection has ever emerged from such musings. That is, that the only satisfactory control-standard by which the work in any division of the hospital can be checked is its loyalty in every detail to the spirit of Christ's principles and practice of healing. This test has proven infallible and at the same time has humbled us often.

Christ's witness of healing is just at the beginning of a new day in Formosa. It becomes evident, day by day, that the medical mission enterprise must eventually be transferred to the care of the Christian community here in the same way that the Christian groups created the hospital systems of the homeland. The indigenous Church must aggressively take to itself the responsibility of ministering to the sick poor in its midst. Not one hospital is needed only, but a system of Christian dispensaries at strategic centres and staffed by the Church's Christian medical men. The foreign missionaries can do not much more than they have already accomplished, that is, make a beginning and point the way. The challenge lies in the hands of the Formosan Church leaders and they are moving forward to meet it. The Church moves forward with a jubilate slogan ''Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace among men of good-will.''

Graduate Nurses receive the new certificates. In the front row are Miss Chisholm, Dr. Little and Miss Weir

—Dr. L. Little and Mrs. Little,
Taihoku, Formosa, Japan.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Provincial Societies:

Alberta.—Calgary, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 29, 30.
Manitoba.—Wednesday and Thursday, May 4, 5.
Ontario.—Galt, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, April 26, 27, 28.
Saskatchewan.—Wednesday and Thursday, March 23, 24.
Quebec.—Montreal, April 19.

The
Foreign Missions Conference

FOR the first time in the forty-five years of its history the Foreign Missions Conference of North America held its annual session this year in Canada, meeting in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, January 4th to 6th. That more of the missionary leaders of the Canadian Churches might benefit from conferring on missionary matters with the leaders from the United States, the Executive had increased the number of Canadian delegates by one half, while to the meeting of the Committee on Women's Work on the 3rd of January additional members of the Women's Boards in Canada were admitted. A hundred and ninety-six delegates, with seventy-two visitors, representing all the Mission Boards of the larger Protestant Churches in the United States and Canada, were present.

Miss Mabel E. Emerson, Foreign Secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, as Chairman of the Conference, presided, except at one session, when the Vice-Chairman, Rev. H. E. Stillwell, D.D., of the Canadian Baptist Board, was in the chair. On Tuesday evening when the Canadian Mission Boards entertained the delegates at dinner, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario and Mrs. Matthews were present. Archbishop Owen, the Primate of all Canada, presided on this occasion.

In the programme special importance had been given to the periods of worship, so that the spirit of meditation and prayer might pervade the whole meeting. One felt that from a large part of the North American continent men and women who had carefully studied certain aspects of the great missionary task of the Church had come intent on frankly and earnestly discussing that work as it affects, on the one hand, the Churches in the countries to which missionary assistance is being sent and, on the other, the Churches in the United States and Canada, and ready to act, according to the decisions arrived at, to make the work of their Mission Boards more effective.

In the deliberations of any such gathering at the beginning of 1938 two matters would, of necessity, be of paramount importance: preparations for the decennial meeting of the International Missionary Council, including the messages from Oxford and Edinburgh, and the tragic situation in the Far East arising from the Japanese invasion of China, both serving to stress the fact that the concern of the men and women gathered in conference was not only with the Churches of the United States and Canada, but with a world Christian Church, a world Christian community,—which was, perhaps, the dominant thought of the whole Conference.

Oxford, Edinburgh and Madras

The Oxford Conference, said Dr. Fred Field Goodsell, Chairman of the Committee of Reference and Counsel, was notable for its emphasis on fellowship and the œcumenical character of the Church, on the assurance of ultimate victory, on the need for a higher doctrine of the Church, its true nature and function in the community and in relation to non-Christian culture, and on the essential rightness of co-operation,—the relation of Mission Boards to missions and to indigenous Churches must be reconsidered. At Edinburgh, according to Dr. J. W. Beardslee, a remarkable degree of unity was shown to exist among the Churches. The major truths of the Christian faith were held in common; but there was a failure to express that unity in the language of the present day. The Church, he felt, must learn to speak more simply to the world, if it is to be understood. In this regard, the younger Churches, with their different cultural background, may offer a valuable contribution, ''a freshness in Christian experience,—not a new type of Christianity, but a new vision of what Christianity really is.''

Dr. John R. Mott and Dr. A. L. Warnshuis presented the plans for the Madras meeting of the International Missionary Council, which is made up of fourteen Councils of the countries that send missionaries and fourteen that receive missionaries. In view of changes that have taken place in the recent past it was imperative that there should be a world consultation and world *fellowship*. Of the four hundred and fifty delegates, half will be from the older and half from the younger Churches. The delegates from North America were elected, among them the following Canadians: Canon Gould of the Church of England in Canada, Mrs. Hugh D. Taylor and Dr. J. H. Arnup of the United Church, Miss Laura K. Pelton of the Presbyterian Church, Mr. Frank Inrig of the Baptist Church, and Rev. Philip R. Beattie of the Student Christian Movement.

China and Japan

All members of the Conference were keenly alive to the gravity of the situation in the Orient, the problems of the Church in China and Japan, and the responsibility of the Christians here towards them. Both Chinese and Japanese Christians are faced with the problem of maintaining Christian faith in the midst of the present conflict, love in an atmosphere of hatred. The faith of the Chinese Christians will stand, declared Rev. Stanley Smith, of Nanking: but it is increasingly difficult for them to meet in corporate worship, to support churches and leaders, and to maintain educational institutions, especially institutions of higher learning. Most serious is the question as to how Christian leadership is to be maintained, and how, in the face of financial difficulties and the lack of teachers, men and women are to be trained to lead China in the future.

In Japan there are many Christians who recognize the spiritual peril of war and plead for a Christian attitude, stated Professor F. D. Gealy, in spite of the general belief that, with a highly developed industrialism and a great population and her consequent need of markets and natural resources, Japan must, on account of closed markets and high tariffs elsewhere, make her main economic advance on Asiatic territory, and that China is not able to stand alone and must, therefore, be made to lean on Japan. It is necessary to understand rather than condemn. Japanese Christians all feel that the prestige of the Church must somehow be saved, so that when the war is over evangelization may go on.

The planning of Mission Boards must be affected by the situation, said Dr. J. W. Decker. They must look farther ahead, remembering that after the dark night there is the promise of the morning, and that the world's need for Christ and His Gospel is merely emphasized by present conditions. Whether she loses or wins, China will need, as never before, the Christian hope. ''The imperative of the Christian Gospel still holds.'' Boards can do certain things: work together in the closest co-operation—planning together, pooling expenses, exchanging and sharing experience for the benefit of Christians of whatever country—and keep their plans flexible enough to be adapted to circumstances as they develop. Chinese leadership in China must be supported. The opportunity for evangelism, Dr. Decker declared, is the best in a generation. ''Those who are scattered abroad go everywhere preaching.'' Christians from the towns go to the villages. Advantage must be taken of the dispersal of highly trained Chinese workers, some in remote places of the interior. The danger of the growth of Communist influence in the Chinese areas must be met. ''The Church must translate its testimony into deeds of mercy.'' Nor must Japan be neglected. ''The day of opportunity in Japan will come. Let us be ready.''

The responsibility of the Churches represented by the delegates in regard to the crisis in the Far East was emphasized by Rev. L. M. Outerbridge. He was greatly disturbed by the complacency and inaction of Christians on this continent. We are facing, he said, one of the most serious crises in the life of the Churches—the breakdown of our sense of personal responsibility. What has happened, he asked, to the soul and conscience? ''The 'still, small voice' is very still and very small.'' The people of Canada and the United States have a great interest in what is taking place, and, if they have failed to respond adequately, it is because those who should do so have failed to give adequate information and leading. In his opinion, the crisis cannot be met unless our Churches send more missionaries to China and stand loyal to the Chinese Christians. Churches here should recognize their responsibility, not to determine China's form of government but to ''determine that men of Christian love shall be the men that people the earth.'' He called on leaders to decide on a clear-cut course of action that would challenge the Churches to follow their leadership. ''The failure to support the Chinese will be the failure of the Christian Church in China.''

There was a strong feeling among the delegates that the people they represented were in no way doing their share to alleviate the distress of the millions of starving, homeless Chinese. Plans were made to appeal to the people of both countries to give generously to this cause. (See page 94.)

Missions and World Peace

Although in missionary work the Christian Churches are making a great contribution to world peace, said Dr. L. J. Shafer, that fact is not always realized by the missionaries or the people of the Churches themselves. The œcumenical movement is for a world-wide fellowship transcending national boundaries, the Kingdom of God in the world. But there are values in national and racial qualities, so that the movement should be not *across,* but *through,* nations. The Christian Church should recognize its responsibility to establish world peace, keeping in mind that peace is not just a negative condition, the absence of war, but positive, the presence of freedom, right, justice.

Missions and the Changing Economic and Social Order

In a consideration of the relation of missions to the changing social and economic order, Dr. S. M. Cavert declared the crucial question to be whether Christianity is true or false in what it affirms about God and man. In a real belief in God through Jesus Christ there is a foundation to build on. The social service of the greatest importance is getting an understanding of God and Christ. Faith in God results in a greater sensitiveness to social need, and economic security. There is no divorce between spiritual and material life. Many Church members, however, have never been aroused to their responsibility to social and economic life. Christians have an obligation to manifest the love of Christ to those who are suffering. ''If the Christians of America do not show more of the love of Christ to the Chinese, what opportunity will missionaries have in China ten years hence? Or in Japan, if they are too indifferent to economic justice to secure a real consideration of Japan's problems?'' Let the Church *be* the Church''—the kind of community to which the Gospel of Christ necessarily commits it, which really is a fellowship in Christ throughout the world. In a world of growing class-consciousness, ''let the Church be the Church,'' with no class distinctions, thus influencing the economic order. ''The missionary movement has made this possible for the Church. Our task is to make it a reality.''

Present Needs—Abroad

New emphases in missionary work were considered. Although careful study made it evident that much of what seemed new in our day was, in reality, not new at all—the fundamentals of the Christian faith remain unchanged; the call to missionary service is the same as in other ages—there may be a difference in expression and form of service. Where, in countries in which missionaries are working, the Christian Church is now established with its own ministers and workers, it is able to assume leadership, but, too weak yet to stand alone, it needs the guidance and assistance of the missionary and the help of the Mission Board. The missionary of to-day, therefore, works with his Chinese, Japanese, Indian, or African colleague, the two co-operating in the work of the Church. It is no longer a question of ''foreign'' and ''native''. Specially trained missionaries, too, are being asked for to supervise and help train workers for the new, growing Church. And more missionaries than ever are needed to carry the Gospel of Christ to the millions who have not yet been reached. Moreover, it is not now a matter only of *sending*: the older Churches of the West need help from the younger Churches, which have their own contribution to make to the life of the world Christian Church.

And at Home

Recognizing that there can be no missionary movement whose foundation is not in the local Churches, leaders were made anxious by the lack of active interest in missionary work on the part of many ministers, really the ''key-men'' of the whole missionary enterprise, as well as of lay members of the Church. This lack of interest, it was believed, implied a lack of understanding of the true meaning of Christianity and of a clear conception of the Church's true function in the world, as well as ignorance of what missionaries are actually doing. Means were considered for remedying this situation, as well as for informing and interesting the young in the essentials of the Christian faith and in missions as an integral part of the world task of the Church, necessary to its very life.

Conference on Women's Work

On the 3rd of January, the day before the opening of the session of the Foreign Missions Conference, the Committee on Women's Work met to deal with practical problems that Women's Mission Boards had to face, especially as affecting the woman missionary on the field and on furlough.

Miss Edna B. Beardsley was Chairman, and the delegates were welcomed by Mrs. W. A. Batty, Chairman of the Inter-Board Committee of the Women's Missionary Societies of Canada, which at the close of the afternoon session entertained the delegates at tea.

The valuable work being carried on by two commissions was reported: one continuing the study, begun by Mrs. C. K. Roys, of women between the ages of twenty-five and forty, ''the lost generation'', and the other on the place of women in the larger life of the Church and the importance of their being trained to fill administrative positions. A plea was made, too, for women to make a real study of international relations in order to have a basis for intelligent opinion and to gain a new understanding of the relationship of missions to peace.

Certain encouraging points were emphasized and commended to the Boards represented for fuller consideration. More and more was missionary education being regarded as a vital element in any course of Christian Education, an important step towards gaining the intelligent co-operation of all Church members in the missionary enterprise. More effective use might be made of the missionary on furlough by more careful planning of deputation work and preparation for her visit to any church. It was felt that the furlough should, in general, allow about equal time for rest, study, and deputation work. The selection and training of missionaries is of vital importance. Among points to be considered in selection are: emotional maturity; manners; qualities of leadership; ability to understand the field to which she goes; ability to understand the point of view of another; patience to wait for results; and a sense of humour. There was recognition of the need of a many-sided training for the missionary, with special attention to the study of problems of child growth and of family relationships, and to the study of the culture of the people among whom she is to work. Care should be taken to provide suitable living conditions. Boards should consider their responsibility for training women for leadership in the younger Churches, maintaining training centres, and providing bursaries for students. The release of missionaries, because of the development of national leadership and Government restrictions on certain phases of missionary work, should be considered an opportunity for undertaking new forms of work.

Man lives not for himself alone,
In others' good he finds his own;
Life's worth in fellowship is known.

O Christ, our Elder Brother, who
By serving man God's will didst do,
Help us to serve our brethren, too.

—*Shuttleworth.*

Prayer

O GOD and Father of us all, Giver of all good things, we praise and bless Thy Holy Name for all Thy many mercies to us: for life and health; for the love of dear ones and for our homes; for our powers of mind and body; for all that is good and beautiful and true; and, above all, for Thy great love for us in Christ Jesus our Saviour. Help us to use all Thy gifts to Thy glory, that we may shine as lights amid the darkness, through Him who is the Light of the world, Jesus our Lord.

Bless, we beseech Thee, this our Society; take away whatsoever is unworthy, strengthen and cherish whatsoever is best in it. Grant Thy blessing upon our endeavours to aid and encourage missionaries.

O Heavenly Father, we commend to Thy Fatherly goodness all, both men and women, whom Thou hast called to labour in the mission field, in our own country or in other lands. Give them comfort and sure confidence in Thee: pour upon them the abundance of Thy Holy Spirit; cheer and encourage them in discouragement and difficulty; keep them in health and safety under the shadow of Thy wing.

May we be filled with a right judgment and strengthened to decide and do all things according to Thy Holy Will through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lift up our hearts, O King of kings,
To brighter hopes and kindlier things,
To visions of a larger good,
And holier dreams of brotherhood.

The world is weary of its pain,
Of selfish greed and fruitless gain,
Of tarnished honour, falsely strong,
And all its ancient deeds of wrong.

Hear Thou the prayer Thy servants pray,
Uprising from all lands to-day,
And o'er the vanquished powers of sin
O bring Thy great salvation in.

—John Howard Bertram Masterman, 1867.

At the Beginning of 1938

THE editors of the *International Review of Missions* in the introduction to the ''Survey of the Year 1937'', while admitting that the world seems to be now passing through one of those periods ''when the vision of higher things is temporarily lost and the race slips back to a lower plane'', can affirm:

''It is the essence of the Christian faith to believe that it is indeed no more than an eclipse, that though 'darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peoples,' yet 'the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee.' To this faith and hope the Church holds—and not without justification. Nothing that has happened during the year has been more striking than that Christian Chinese and Japanese have prayed for one another, even while war was being waged. And in this faith and hope the Church is determined to walk.

''The survey of the year 1937 shows both light and shadow, but chiefly light, for the glory of the Lord has risen for those with eyes to discern.''

After reviewing the situation in all countries, they call attention in their conclusion to some features of the present time.

''Two things are true. The Christian Church is going through a time of great and increasing difficulty, and that difficulty bids fair to grow worse until the Church's very life is at stake. This is in the last analysis due to the Church's own nature. As a society both human and divine, owing a final allegiance only to God, it cannot but be an obstacle in the path of the all-embracing state-community, claiming absolute allegiance. Moreover, it is essentially an œcumenical society—the whole great missionary enterprise throughout the world has made this clear as nothing else in the world has done—and as such is set athwart the path of those who exalt national, racial or class groupings as absolute and final. It is not possible, therefore, to come to any other conclusion than that the days before us will be hard days for the Church of Christ, for reasons that go right back to the essentials of the Church's existence.

''But it is also true that the Church both faces situations of great hope and opportunity and that within herself there are seen to be the signs of reborn life and especially of evangelistic zeal. . . It is not a uniform phenomenon; there are regions of which it is scarcely true. But it is broadly true, and it makes it possible to say that the whole Church of Christ stands in a position more critical than for many generations. These are days in which Christians may welcome that distinctive note of the Biblical revelation; that God is known by His mighty acts; that though the general plan may not be clear the next step, in His mercy, always is; that He is at work in these cosmic movements and that He has work in His name for His Church to do. As we look forward to another great gathering of the younger Churches and the missionary forces of the world it is most of all the mood of those who watch and pray. When all the preparation has been done, the books read and the questions prepared, the issue remains both simple and tremendous. It is no less than this: What, in the concrete exigencies of our time, is the Spirit saying to the Churches?''

Eastview Presbyterian Sabbath School, Regina

''Touch but the heart of a child, and ages hence
your finger-prints will be found upon him still.''

SABBATH School was held each Sunday of the year. It has always been our policy to remain open throughout the summer months, the feeling being that if there are children in the district unable to leave the city there should be some place for them on Sunday afternoon other than the streets or public parks. An average attendance of 80 scholars during July and August more than justifies such a policy. The attendance of teachers during this same period averaged 8. The roll at the close of the year is 158, only four more than at the start, but at one point there were 210 on the roll. At our regular or special services we welcomed 207 visitors.

The general offerings for the year netted $125.46. The missionary offerings—those contributed the first Sunday of each month—amounted to $55.00, exceeding our objective by $3.00. As in former years, this amount was paid to the Regina Presbyterial of the Women's Missionary Society in continued appreciation of the service of a deaconess. The Rally Day offering of $6.61, and the Mother's Day offering of $6.99, paid to Mr. J. J. Rodgers, Treasurer of First Church, bring the total contributions for missionary purposes to $68.60.

For some time we had been faced with the problem of larger assembly quarters. With anywhere from 150 to 200 assembling in an ordinary school classroom, it was quite evident that the best results could not be obtained. An upstairs classroom from which the desks had been removed was available, and it was considered advisable to divide the school into a Junior department, under the leadership of Mrs. McMillan, and a Senior department, for those of ten and over. The teaching staff of the Junior Department has been augmented by a number of the senior scholars who have been faithful and interested members of the school for some years.

Early in 1930 we assumed the responsibility of providing all necessary supplies and running expenses exclusive of rent. This has meant in the eight years an approximate expenditure of $1,000.00.

Since 1930 we have contributed $527.16 for Missions through the Budget Schemes of the Church, and, as before stated, through the Women's Missionary Society. Were it not that the W.M.S. assumed responsibility for the salary of a deaconess in this district, there would not be the sturdy School that there is to-day. One year Eastview Sabbath School made it possible for Sunday School to be carried on at Courcelette by providing transportation for those two wonderful and faithful workers, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brell of Pambrun. The Eastview C.G.I.T. and Women's Guild have also contributed to the work of the school, the growth of the Building Fund, and the work of the W.M.S. approximately $100.00 in cash, besides layettes and quilts.

A number of the C.G.I.T. girls were privileged to spend a pleasant ten days at Lumsden Beach through the kindness of Mrs. J. B. Shaw, who gave her cottage for their use.

The departure early last spring of Miss Macarthur for Kirkland Lake was keenly felt in the Sunday School, as indeed it was in the entire district . . . . By her readiness to serve and her wise counsel at all times she had endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact. Miss Macarthur's place has been ably taken by Miss Helen Ross, who came to us, not as a stranger, but as a tried and true friend.

—Helen M. E. Horne, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Baragaon Quartette, Jhansi

A Call to a Forward Movement

Issued by the National Christian Council of China December 29, 1937, and broadcast to their whole Church January 2, 1938. ''Despite all the black facts of life around us, God calls us not to retreat, not even to stand still and hold on, but to go forward.''

The Call

IN the midst of suffering and loss and national crisis we would call upon the Christian Church to move forward. The Gospel of Christ is not a message of defeat. It is a summons to struggle against the forces of evil in the lives of men and nations. It is the good news of the love of God in action, of help for those in need, of devotion and sacrifice for the welfare of society and the state, of ideals of the world-wide Kingdom of God, and of faith in the ultimate victory of right.

We therefore call on all Christians to cherish this assurance in their hearts and, through daily communion with God and the constant realization of His nearness, to find inward peace in the midst of turmoil, reserves of strength to bear the burdens of the day, courage steadfastly to face the uncertainties of the future, and faith to go forward.

Basis of a Forward Movement

The indispensable basis of a forward movement are the constant witnessing of all Christians, strong individual local churches, and the combined power of all the churches working together, with full co-operation of schools, hospitals and all other Christian institutions. . . .

Many churches are now suffering from war, with their members scattered and their services disrupted. Many schools and hospitals have been seriously affected. Special efforts must be made and all possible assistance given to restore such institutions to active service as soon as conditions permit.

Relief Work.—We call upon all Christians to co-operate in relief work and thus to exemplify the Christian spirit in the face of the horrors of war. Material relief should be given in such a way as to spiritualize it. Relief work should not only minister to the body, but heal the soul and strengthen faith and hope.

The Christian hospitals will carry the burden of the ministry of healing. Other relief activities should be carried on in connection with churches, and with the help of their members, as far as practicable.

Spiritual Uplift.—The Gospel has power to meet the needs of this emergency, for the individual, for society, for world relationships. Let us press for its wider acceptance, that men may be won and that this power from God may be released for the help and healing of mankind. Let us emphasize those aspects of the Gospel relevant to this emergency, at all regular meetings, by constant personal witnessing, and by special efforts.

Particular attention should be paid to the diagnosis of the needs of various ages and classes, and presentations of the various aspects of the Gospel should be made to meet those needs. . . .

A time of emergency breeds discouragement, sickness of heart, and widespread spiritual need. Let us mutually encourage one another as Christians. Let us learn from the cross the lesson of triumph over suffering. Let us intensify all Christian activities and put forth our utmost efforts to proclaim the Gospel to all who stand in need of comfort and spiritual strength.

Closer Co-operation.—Let us emphasize our oneness and forget the things that keep us apart. Let us achieve the access of strength that comes from co-operation, and the stimulus of unity of spirit, so as more adequately to meet the present emergency. . . .

Let us look forward to a period of reconstruction as an opportunity for rebuilding more wisely, and study the possibility of merging churches, schools, hospitals and other Christian agencies where desirable in order to combine weak units and give greater strength.

Let us always keep in mind that we are all followers of one Lord and Master, and are all members together in a world-wide Christian fellowship, imperfect and incomplete as yet, but the basis of the Kingdom of God. Let us give thanks for the sympathy and help in this time of stress of the church in many nations. Let us not forget to pray for Christians and all men of good will in all countries. Let us pray and work together for the coming of the world-wide Kingdom of God.

Christmas Entertainment at the Cecilia Jeffrey School

By Miss J. A. Carruthers

ATTENDED by a large number of parents and friends of the pupils, the annual Christmas entertainment of the Cecilia Jeffrey School was held on December 22nd. Prior to the programme, which began at two o'clock, lunch was served to the visiting Indians.

Owing to the indisposition of Captain Edwards, the chair was occupied by Mr. Laine of the Presbyterian Church. An interesting programme was given, with selections by the band, choruses by the primary girls, the primary boys, and the school; a Flower Drill by the intermediate girls; ''Merry Christmas Time'', by the intermediate boys; guitar selections by Arnold Pinesse and Norbert Kelly; a Russian dance, by Norbert Kelly; an Indian dance, by Nancy and Arthur Gardner; a Rooster Drill, by the senior boys; ''Wedding of Jack and Jill'' and a Gypsies' Operetta, by the senior pupils; and a tableau, ''Child in the Manger''.

Voicing appreciation of the programme, Captain Edwards emphasized the careful training and untiring effort which had made possible the various items in which the pupils had so ably acquitted themselves. Rev. W. L. Atkinson spoke briefly on the spirit and progress of the work of the school. In closing, Mr. Byers expressed his appreciation of the large attendance, and of the reception of the programme; and his gratitude for the co-operation of all who participated and were interested in the work.

After the programme the gifts were distributed from the Christmas tree.

OUR LETTER BOX

First Experiences in India

Jhansi, India.

MY day in Bombay was crowded with sights, sounds, and smells! Smell of mud, and wafts of sandalwood; but mainly, through the bazaar streets, a stench thick enough to cut. We were early off the boat, and tramped steadily between eight-thirty and about two o'clock.

Our purchases: nets for sleeping, brass-ware, pounds and pounds of fruit, food-chopper, etc., were all carried in a great tall basket, shaped like those jars the forty thieves were hidden in in *Arabian Nights*. The old man who carried it was able to direct us to the various bazaars; and he had power to make the beggars stop following us. So many of them! One naked little boy, about the size of a five-year-old, carried a tiny, unconscious baby. As he jogged along to keep up with us, the little head ''waggled'' like a dead thing's. There are sights to make one sick; but it seems that one very quickly develops an ''unawareness'' for such.

We ended our shopping at the European market, where bacon and ham are sold. These are to be had only rarely in Jhansi, when someone brings a supply from Bombay. Consequently, we bought packages and packages for various friends in Jhansi.

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What a time! I don't know how it could be put in words. To the missionaries here I know that these days are well worth a life-time of any deeps of discouragement. . . . Mr. Bakht Singh feels that there is a whole lot to be done yet. But things are surely moving; and the results are so real. Non-Christians are coming in, as nominal Christians are finding real life, and as those already re-born have witnessed and made confession and restitution. . . .

But, if it is being a very joyous time for the missionaries, it has also been a time for watching and directing. . . . Miracles are all around us.

At first it was among the girls. Then they seemed to be used as instruments to bring some who made no pretence of being Christian or of trying to live a good life. There have been some wonderful cases of hard characters: one an electrician, well educated and well paid (mission trained). He had been going into debt (for all of his high salary) for the sake of ''Arya-Samaj''.* He was very cruel to his wife, who came here to church when she was able. She had been ill lately, and should have been in hospital, but her husband refused. The night after he confessed (he hadn't been going to church for two years), I went with Miss Simpson over to Sipri to visit the wife. She was in the hospital. And his face was the face of a man made new. However, the main work so far has been among the people here. Once that is finished, there will be no doubt about its spread beyond. —*Edith Magee.*

Georgetown, British Guiana.

I AM trying to do as much other missionary work as I can in addition to the school work, concentrating especially upon work among the young people. I conduct three Sunday Schools now instead of one. . . . Miss Storey and I have both tried to start classes among the East Indian women. I started a class for women in a small place outside of New Amsterdam and went out for two months, visited all their homes, and, along with the periods of devotion, carried on sewing classes and reading classes, but I could not stir up their interest. . . .East Indian men do look down upon the women as their humble servants, and it is that attitude to women that keeps them backward. The majority of them do not know how to read or write.

We had quite a nice little Sunday School concert on the Monday before Christmas. Although it was raining very heavily at half-past six and the concert was to start at seven, practically all the children turned out and I was more than delighted. They do get terribly excited and it is fun to watch the expressions of delight on their faces. We had a Santa Claus and he gave each child a bag of candies, white tied with red to make them look Christmassy.

On the Wednesday before school closed we had a vesper service by candlelight, and a very impressive service it was. We have two houses in the school, and the members came in from opposite sides of the room carrying candles, which they lit from two tapers on a table in the centre. As they entered they sang ''O Come, All Ye Faithful''. Each teacher read from Basil Mathew's *Life of Christ* sections dealing with the birth of Christ, appropriate carols being sung at intervals. Then we had a group of carols which we had learned during the past month. We came out of the room singing the last two verses of one of the carols, and sang ''Silent

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* Reform movement in Hinduism.

Night, Holy Night'' outside. It was a beautiful sight to see the candles burning at each desk and also to see all the girls singing the carols enthusiastically. It looked like a picture on a Christmas card.

—Olwen Davies.

Among the Young People of Essequibo

Suddie, Essequibo, British Guiana.

FOR some time I have thought of writing to tell about our experiences in our new field of labour. There are so many things about which one could write—for instance, the entirely different kinds of food, the planning and preparing of meals that one has to learn here, and the interesting things about the customs, the dress, and lives of our East Indian women. I could also tell about my attempt at work among the teen-age girls of this community, but as yet this work is still in the experimental stage and I hesitate to say too much about it.

Most of your readers will be interested in the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour which was organized in the church closest to us in June, 1937. This church, by the way, bears the pleasant-sounding name of Akashwani, which means ''Voice from Heaven''. The credit for the young people's work itself really belongs to Mr. Edward J. Rambali, our Mission clerk, a devoted worker, who is untiring in his efforts as president of the organization. He had some training in this work in Georgetown, but young people's work is entirely new to this coast.

The ordinary weekly meetings are much like those at home, but I want to tell you of the two socials with the fun and enjoyment that they brought. Incidentally, the young people themselves decided that once a quarter was quite often enough for a social meeting, a very striking contrast to what often happens at home. The first social was held in the Burns Memorial Training Home, which stands unused on our compound except for my girls' classes and the summer camp. When my husband and I arrived we were greeted with a gramophone selection, the music and words being, in our honour, the familiar ''Maple Leaf Forever''. The Young People's Society boasts some thirty members and an attendance at most of fifty, but as on similar occasions at home we found the attendance greatly increased for the social. Over seventy, young and old, from grandchildren to grandparents, were there and they had such fun! Our elder told me afterwards that never before had he had such a pleasant evening.

After a game the Sunday School children sang the British Guiana national song, and a few recitations, songs, and skits were presented. These were thoroughly enjoyed by the audience, but were scarcely understood by us, being chiefly in the local corruption of the English language which is called ''Creole talk''. Games provided fun and hilarity; many in the gathering had enjoyed nothing of the kind in their lives before. In my ignorance I had volunteered to prepare the lunch and had estimated on an attendance of forty. Stacks of matrimonial cake, butter tarts and cookies disappeared like magic. As the people seldom see cake, except at Christmas time, and even then many are too poor to buy the necessary ingredients, one can imagine how pleased they were to see cakes and cookies.

The other social was a Christmas tree gathering, also held at the Home. It had been decided by the members beforehand that a slip with the name of another member should be drawn, so that each would have to give a small Christmas gift to some one. The room was gaily decorated and green boughs were tacked to a central pillar to form enough of a likeness to a Christmas tree to make us just a little bit home-sick for Canadian evergreens. The singing of Christmas carols seemed so strange in the midst of tropical heat. We then taught them all to sing ''Jingle Bells''. When they had learned to sing it after a fashion, Santa Claus entered. It was a strange figure that entered the room riding a broom-stick, accompanied by the jingle of bells. One of our young men, Richard Rambali, had at the last moment with some ingenuity devised a costume. He was enveloped from the neck downwards in the folds of a long, flowing, brown trench coat. He had no whiskers, but his face was powdered white, and on his head was the crowning touch—a tall, pointed, yellow dunce cap. After he had distributed the gifts games were played and refreshments served. Not all the gifts were genuine ones; not a few were sand or bricks or old kitchen utensils carefully and decoratively wrapped.

One thing has been brought most forcibly to our attention during these happy social evenings and that is the many ways in which human beings are alike, although brought up under different circumstances and in different countries. The same games, the same jokes, and the same songs are enjoyed by all, even as the same spirit of Christian fellowship is enjoyed by all in our weekly Y.P.S. of C.E. meetings. The fact that there is a ''tie that binds'' is most certainly seen on these occasions.

—(Mrs. DeC. H.) Marie Rayner.

Among the Girls at Birtle

Indian School, Birtle, Man.

NOW I have the health reports and other lists up to date, the C.G.I.T. a little more in control, and other things such as C.G.I.T. First Aid and Home Nursing Course and the Sunday School class planned. . . .

After the chicken-pox epidemic, we developed flu. A week ago, therefore, we began to give flu and pneumonia antitoxin. Yesterday a hundred and twenty-four of us had it. After that the eyes were treated. . . .

Miss Thomson and I decided to have our C.G.I.T. groups, ''Opeechee'' (Robins) and ''Anungosuck'' (Stars), together for a while. . . . Last night we started with the ''purpose''. The president of my group read the Scripture (S.S. lesson) and I explained it. The Secretary started the Lord's prayer and the others followed very well; then Miss Thomson led in some hymns that the girls chose. . . . They like the meetings and pay reasonably good attention. We take etiquette and have a code (one more good deed each day). I look out for this and sometimes say what I've seen during the week. Sometimes we use Oswald Chambers' book, *My Utmost for His Highest.* When we called ourselves ''Stars'' our intention was to aim higher than we could reach; ''We Hitch Our Ladder to a Star'' is the motto of my group.

—*Kathleen Stewart.*

A Teacher's Time Well Filled

Indian School, Birtle, Man.

THE work here is indeed interesting to a newcomer. There is plenty of it to do, but then one is always happier when busy. . . .

We have duties other than those of the classroom. Here is a rough idea of a week's work. We (the teachers) take breakfast duty week about. This is my week. We go on duty in the dining-room at 7.15 and see that the tables are set and the porridge served. At 7.30 the children have their breakfast. We supervise during the meal and attend to second helpings, etc. Sometimes a few boys even come back for the third bowl of porridge. They certainly get plenty to eat. When the children have finished eating, the cod liver oil is taken around. By 8 o'clock all is over and we hold morning worship in the dining-room. School goes in at 9, recess is at 10.30, when several children go to the dining-room for cocoa. They are dismissed at 11.45, when they wash and get ready for dinner at 12 o'clock. I have thirty-three children in class in the morning. The afternoon classes begin at 1.15 and are dismissed at 4 o'clock. There are thirty-one pupils in the afternoon, different children, as each child goes to class only half a day and is employed in the other departments for the other half day. From 4 to 5 is play-time for all. Then the evening chores begin, inside for the girls, and outside at the barns, etc. for the boys. Twice a week, Tuesday and Friday, we have choir practice from 4 to 4.45. There are twenty-four children in the choir, which we have for Church service each Sunday evening. They are doing quite well now, although it was some time before they gained much confidence in themselves.

After supper each night all assemble in the chapel for worship.

By 8 o'clock the children are in bed. We also take two nights' duty each week with the boys, Tuesday and Saturday; that is, we are with them during the evening and put them to bed. The older boys usually go out to skate on our rink for an hour or so each evening until bedtime. Then we read them a story, and have the lights out by 9 o'clock. I also take duty every second Sunday afternoon and evening. I started a fretwork (or manual training) class with the boys, but so many wanted to take it that they had to be divided into two classes. Each class works one evening a week instead of going out to skate. They are very much interested and are doing very fine work. We are looking forward to a bazaar or sale of work next spring. We are also printing a school newspaper.

The boys' supervisor has developed two very fine hockey teams this year, a ''Pee-wee'' team and a Junior team, which have already proved themselves a match for many of the teams of boys of the same age in the neighbouring towns.

—*J. A. Carmichael.*

Publications Department

BY MARGARET NESS

A SPECIAL order of Mrs. Goforth's **How I Know God Answers Prayer** has made it possible to sell the copies so bought at $1.00, instead of $1.25 as formerly. **Goforth of China** ($2.25) is still in stock.

An Easter suggestion: Enclose one of Dr. Murray's **Secret** series (15c. each) in an Easter letter to a friend, instead of the usual Easter card. Over 600 of this series were sold in 1937.

For information on Auxiliary Books see page 118.

The British Guiana packet and the Bhil packet are now ready. (See page 25, January *Glad Tidings*). With each request for the loan of a packet, please enclose 15c.

For those interested in world missions, we still have a few copies of **The Way of the Witnesses** (70c.) and **God Has a Purpose** (35c.).

Plays: For Senior Auxiliaries we suggest **We Just Didn't Know**, by Mrs. W. D. Turner of Winchester, Ontario. Mimeographed copies, 20c. each. For Mission Bands there is the book **Spring in the Brown Meadow and other Pantomimes** (cannot be sent on approval), 40c. **He Is Risen** (15c.) and **Why Didn't You Tell?** (20c.)—the latter includes flowers, bunnies and foreign children—are still popular for children; while the **Standard Easter Book** (35c.) contains material for all groups—plays, poems and songs. If any member writes us, enclosing a two-cent stamp, and giving the type of Easter play wanted, number in cast and time limit (as well as the titles of plays that the group has already done), two suitable plays will be forwarded on approval.

The response to our Biography loose-leaf book has been most gratifying. Eight snapshots, with accompanying biographies, cost 50c; if the hard cover is wanted, an extra 17c. should be added. Individual biographies sell at 10c. each. The biographies already released include those of Miss Murray, Miss Anderson, Miss Magee, Miss B. M. MacMurchy, Miss Todd, Miss Davies, Miss Munro, Miss Dickson, Miss Macarthur, Miss Taylor, Miss Chisholm, Miss Ellen Douglas, and one of Mrs. Gehman and Miss Gibbs together.

For those interested in supplementary material on the countries where our work is carried on, the following list is suggested:

India—**The Untouchables' Quest**, (recommended by Mr. Lowther), 35c.; **Sister India**, showing how the questions raised in the book, **Mother India**, are answered by Christian Missions, 35c.; **India in the Dark Wood**, by Nicol Macnicol, a comprehensive study of India's needs and the relation of missions to those needs, 65c.; **Indian Approach to India**, 50c.; **Little Brown Babe**, a story of a Christian marriage, $1.00.

China—**Chinese Church in Action**, 60c.; **Dr. Jessie MacBean and the Hackett Medical College**, 20c.; **Agnes Dickson**, her work in China and in Canada, 45c.

A New Earth

God grant us wisdom in these coming days,
And eyes unsealed, that we clear vision see
Of that new world that He would have us build,
To life's ennoblement and His high ministry.

God give us sense—God-sense of Life's new needs,
And souls aflame with new-born chivalries—
To cope with those black growths that foul the ways—
To cleanse our poisoned founts with God-born energies,

To pledge our souls with nobler, loftier life,
To win the world to His fair sanctities,
To bind the nations in a Pact of Peace,
And free the Soul of Life for finer loyalties.

Not since Christ died upon His lonely cross
Has time such prospect held of Life's new birth;
Not since the world of chaos first was born
Has man so clearly visaged hope of a new earth.

Not of our own might can we hope to rise
Above the ruts and soilures of the past,
But, with His help who did the first earth build,
With hearts courageous we may fairer build this last.

—*John Oxenham.*

Auxiliary Page

THE STUDY BOOKS

THREE study books for Auxiliaries were recommended last summer and stocked by the Publications Department. They were chosen in response to requests for material for serious study and the preparation of papers and for a simpler book which could be read aloud at meetings. They give also a choice between a wider vision of world missions and more detailed information about our own work. These books are still available and there is still time to make good use of them for Auxiliary programmes and in study groups.

Christianity in the Eastern Conflicts, by William Paton, Secretary of the International Missionary Council, was chosen because it gives an authentic description of the present social, political and religious background of the Christian Church in Japan, China, India, and the Near East. These are the conditions under which all missionaries in these countries are endeavouring to preach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In the chapter on India, for example, we read of developing self-government and the accompanying unrest, of improvements in education, of the rise of the Depressed Classes, of mass movements from the old religions. Echoes of these changes are heard in every report from our workers in Jhansi and among the Bhils. The second part of the book gives the author's reflections on what he has seen and felt and is a challenge to the Churches in every part of the world to be worthy of their high calling and opportunity.

Treasures in the Earth, edited by Fred Hamlin, is a most attractive introduction to Rural Missions. It gives sketches of how missionaries have been able to improve the living conditions of the people among whom they work. Though we have no missionaries in some of the countries mentioned, the story of plowing in Greece can be paralleled by the work Mr. and Mrs. Hawtin are doing at the farm near Jhansi. Several of the other stories recall the training being given to boys and girls in our Indian Residential Schools. This simple book can widen our knowledge of missionary endeavour and stimulate our imagination.

Gleanings from the Home and Overseas Reports 1936, published by the W.M.S., consists of extracts from the reports of our various missionaries, deaconesses and other workers. These are the little stories and descriptions for which space could not be found in the Annual Report and the *Glad Tidings.* Among them are word pictures of Miss Murray visiting a hospital, of the Leprosy Colony in Formosa, of a Girls' camp in British Guiana, of Christmas at Birtle. We see the Bhils through Dr. Effie Winchester's eyes, we learn about our Biblewomen in South China, and we are moved by the beautiful spirit of a Korean father in Japan, whose son had been killed. The facts of our 1936 work can be found in the Annual Report, but they can be supplemented and given added flavour from these Gleanings. Additional material on our work may be borrowed from the Publications Department. (See page 25, January *Glad Tidings.*)

—(Mrs. D. D.) Eleanor Calvin.

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. John D. Holman, *Secretary*

WHAT KIND OF A MEMBER ARE YOU?

''Are you an active member—
The kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay at home
To criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part
To help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to only just belong?
Do you ever go to visit
A member that is sick,
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the 'Clique'?
Think this over, member—
You know right from wrong.
Are you an active member,
Or do you just belong?''

Measuring Myself—A Missionary Efficiency Test

1. Do I have thoroughly Christian motives for my missionary activities? Are they definitely based on love for God and love for man?

2. Am I cherishing more brotherly ideals concerning peoples each year? Can I see the worth of the individual regardless of his race or culture?

3. Do I carry these brotherly ideals into my daily relationships with people of other racial, national and social groups?

4. Am I adding an intimate knowledge of a race or people to my intellectual assets each year?

5. Do I feel that other races have a contribution to make to my life, or do I feel that missions imply a one-way relationship?

6. Does my conception of home missions include the Christian solution of such problems of our national life as social and economic justice and race relations?

7. Am I endeavouring to secure for missionary education its normal, integral place in the worship, instruction, the offerings and the activities of all departments of the local church life?

8. Am I increasingly seeing and using opportunities for the disseminating of missionary knowledge and interest through the loaning of missionary books and magazines, the choice of hymns at meetings where I preside, the emphasis in my public prayers, the collecting and sharing of pictures, stories, pageants, plays, curios and costumes?

9. Have I read at least one book the past year in the general field of missions?

10. Am I sharing my resources with the missionary cause in a systematic manner?

11. Have I made any actual contribution to the cause of missions during the past year other than my financial contribution?

—*United Christian Missionary Society Leaflet.*

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. John Kelman, *Secretary*

ESTHER'S CHOICE

WHAT girl is there who does not thrill to the story of Esther? Daughter of a despised, down-trodden race, there had come to her a wonderful opportunity, and she was now the Queen of the land in which she had lived for so long as a girl. We wonder sometimes if in her day-dreams she had ever dreamed of the future, and, if so, did she ever see herself on a throne. We doubt it. Yet the miracle had come to pass and now she reigned in a palace. Her training had been hard and arduous, but that same training was an advantage to her now. It would have been so easy to fall in with the easy-going life around her, to fill the days with pleasure and idleness. She is young and beautiful, her future seems to be assured; why not join in the merry life around her? But there comes a reminder from the past: her people are in danger; there is to be a general massacre, and she alone can save them, and only then by risking her own life. Her uncle Mordecai came to her with the plea that she take the hard way, risk her life for her race.

That plea of his with its ringing challenge, ''Who knowest but for such a time art thou come to the Kingdom,'' is answered by the passionate cry, ''If I perish, I perish''. Esther had made her choice; the die was cast; come weal or woe, the pathway of duty was hers to tread, and because of her acceptance of the duty that came to her, her race was saved and right triumphed over might.

Canadian womanhood to-day dwells in the palace of the world.

While the women of heathen lands suffer and die in ignorance and despair, while the women of many so-called Christian lands are burdened by unjust laws, while throughout the world many are still classed with the alien and the idiot, the Canadian woman ranks as citizen. She is a queen. Her opinion concerning great world problems is valued. She may enter all the great halls of learning, and, if she be successful, carry off the highest honours. She may choose and make good in all the learned professions. She may enter the business world, and while she meets its demands for efficiency, she may help to make business methods measure up to the standard of the golden rule.

Thus is the woman of Canada called to dwell in the world's palace, called to do so much for which her mother was not trained, for the years since the war have carried her far and fast. But what of Canada's daughter? The girl of to-day, this woman of to-morrow, is surely called to be a queen among queens. She stands as did Esther. The women of the world, despised and captive, call to her. The child-wives and widows of India,—ignorant, superstitious, suffering and degraded—are calling her. The women of Japan, crushed by labour and industrial conditions, are calling her. The women of China, venturing into a new world, are calling to her for education and medical training and appealing to her for literature in a land without books. New Canadians from Europe and the British Isles, knowing not the language or the customs of this new land, are calling to her for help and training. The wayward and straying girls, the foolish and the faithless, are calling to her for love and understanding and a second chance.

There they stand, the women of other lands and of this land, holding out pleading hands to this favoured and beautiful Canadian girl, pleading with her to give herself to a life of service, that she may help to save her race.

It is in her power to choose. This Canadian girl, this girl queen, sees open before her ''a way and ways and a way''. Shall hers be the climbing soul? Or the one that gropes its way? Or shall she be one of the drifters ?

Choose she must, for ''who knowest but that for such a time is she come to the Kingdom.''

Adapted from ''Even as Esther'', by
Ethel M. H. Smith, Alliston, Ontario.

God gives each man one life, like a lamp,
Then gives
That lamp due measure of oil;
Lamp lighted—hold high, wave wide
Its comfort for others to share.
—*Robert Browning.*

MISSION BANDS

Mrs. A. R. Riddell, *Secretary*

A MISSION BAND PICTURE IN INDIA

NANKO and his sisters, Jai Bai and Phul Bai, were sitting on the mud floor of the verandah of their little mud hut. Their mother had told them they must fill a small basket with corn before they could go off with their friends, because she needed enough to grind the meal for the bread for the evening meal. As they cleaned the grain off ear after ear of corn, they thought about what they would do when this task was finished. But Nanko was thinking about the place he had visited the previous night, about a mile from their home. There he had seen some strange people living in tents. They had sung a lot, and two or three men had told stories about someone named Jesus.

''I can remember some of the words they sang.'' He spoke more or less to himself, but Jai Bai heard, and asked what he meant.

''Last night I was over by the well with Gul Singh and Vestiya,'' he explained. ''When we heard singing, we followed the sound until we came to a big fire, around which a lot of people were sitting. There were two women and a man with white skin and seven or eight men of our own colour singing. I can remember these words—

'Jesus is the King of Heaven.
This Jesus is the beloved of my heart.'

I don't know what they mean, but I'm going back to hear them again.''

As he spoke, he looked off to the east. ''There are some of them!'' he exclaimed. ''See, two women with funny clothes, wearing hats. They're coming this way!''

The missionaries, for the two ladies were missionaries, came nearer. Seeing the children on the verandah, they asked, ''Is your mother at home?''

''Yes, she's cooking.''

''Will you ask her to come out? We want to talk to her.''

From the verandah Nanko called, ''Mother, come here.''

Answering the summons, his mother appeared, carrying a baby boy on her hip. The visitors greeted her, and asked if she wouldn't like to hear them sing and tell a story.

''Yes, sit down.''

The missionaries and Sundar Bai, the Biblewoman, sat down on the edge of the verandah. Knowing that the Bhil people like music, they sang two hymns. Then Sundar Bai showed the children a picture.

''What do you see in this picture?'' she asked.

There was no answer. ''Tell me,'' she persisted, ''who is this?''

''A man,'' said Nanko, shyly.

''Yes, and who are these?''

''Children.''

''That's right. Now I want to tell you about these children and this man.''

Sundar Bai then told them of Jesus and His love for children—black, white, brown, and yellow.

''See, here is a little brown boy sitting at the feet of Jesus. That might be you, because, like you, this boy hasn't any clothes. This is a picture children everywhere like. We'll give you one to hang up in your home. When you look at it, you say, 'Jesus loves all little children. Jesus loves me.' Another day we'll come back and tell you some more, but now we must go on to another house. Salaam (good-bye).''

Mission Band boys and girls will have guessed that this is the same picture as the coloured one, ''The Hope of the World'', which is in their story book this year. Is it not interesting to know that Bhil children in far-off India are learning about the picture, too?

—Bessie M. MacMurchy.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. C. E. JAMIESON, 1610 12TH AVE., W., CALGARY, PRESS SECRETARY

EDMONTON P.S.—On November 24th the Cynosure Girls' Club of Strathcona Church, Edmonton, graduated into a Young Women's Auxiliary at a very impressive service. Practically all of the ten members started in the Mission Band, before forming a Girls' Club. A welcome was extended to the girls by Mrs. G. W. Scott, President of Strathcona W.M.S. Auxiliary; by Mrs. A. K. Southen, Presbyterial Y.W. Secretary, and by Mrs. H. Sykes, Provincial President. It was regretted that Mrs. N. B. Moors, Presbyterial President, was unable to be present on account of illness. Miss Laura Pelton conducted the graduation service, and gave a short address, taking as her text, John 15: 16. Rev. R. J. Burton closed the meeting with prayer. During the social hour which followed, Effie Cuthbertson, President of the girls' group, presented Mrs. Burton with a bouquet of chrysanthemums in appreciation of all the time and work she had given the club as its leader.

Calgary P.S.—Mrs. T. Rodger, President of Calgary Presbyterial, spoke at the Thank-offering meeting of the Banff Auxiliary on the subject of Thanksgiving. The Auxiliary President, Mrs. Rae, announced that a member was presenting a Life Membership certificate to the infant daughter (Joan Agnes) of their former pastor and his wife, Rev. Mr. and Mrs.

Lennox. (Banff believes in starting them young.) Mrs. Rodger also visited Three Hills Auxiliary at their November meeting, and found a very active and interested society. Reorganization of their Mission Band, which was under way, has since been completed.

At a special meeting of Knox Auxiliary, Calgary, held in the manse, Miss Constance Muldoon was presented with a Life Membership, in appreciation of her services in the Women's Missionary Society and as leader of Knox Mission Band for the past seven years.

Rev. Allan Reoch spent a Sunday in Calgary on his way to Manchuria, via Japan, speaking in Grace Church in the morning and in Knox Church at night. His vivid and forceful messages impressed all who heard him.

Grace Junior Young Women's Auxiliary has had the second study programme based on Miss Pelton's charts, and the members report an interesting discussion on the papers presented by Miss Helen Bright and Miss Madeline Maguire.

Calgary Fellowship Executive has completed plans for the spring meetings.

Following the business part of the January meeting of Grace Church Auxiliary, Mrs. G. Tollington conducted a short service in memory of Mrs. A. McLaren, a valued and beloved member who was called Home suddenly. A minute's silence was observed by the members, standing, and Mrs. H. Duffin sang, ''Sometime we'll understand.'' The service given in the *Glad Tidings* was used at this meeting, and Mrs. G. Rae presented the new study book, on which the Auxiliary's programmes for the year are based. Life Memberships were presented to two Mission Band members, Armis Mills and Harold Weir. These, added to the ones presented at the December meeting to Ann Crawford, Joan McKenzie and Allan Graham, indicate a strong and interested Mission Band.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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WESTMINSTER P.S.—Mount Pleasant W.M.S. Auxiliary, Vancouver, at its annual meeting elected Mrs. R. Pollock president, Mrs. R. Bryce secretary and Mrs. R. Mallard treasurer. St. Stephen's, North Vancouver, has Miss Jean Morrice as president, Mrs. A. Young secretary and Mrs. S. Smith treasurer.

Though sickness and suffering prevents her from taking an active part in the work of the Kingdom, Mrs. Rosie of North Vancouver still keeps her interest in W.M.S. and other Church work, and the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Stephen's, of which Mrs. Rosie is a member, recently honoured itself by making her a Life Member.

Kootenay P.S.—The Ellen Dow Mission Band of St. Stephen's Church, Creston, closed the year with a Christmas party on the 29th of

December. Each member took part in the programme, which was in charge of Mrs. Robertson. At the close refreshments were served by Mrs. Dow.

Kamloops–Okanagan P.S.—At its first meeting for the new year, the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Armstrong, used the service given in the December *Glad Tidings.* The Home Helpers and the members of the Young Women's Auxiliary were invited and took part in the service, which seemed a fitting opening for the year's work. A young ''exchange'' teacher from Scotland was so delighted with the whole meeting that she asked to become a subscriber to the *Glad Tidings,* so that she might have some copies to take home with her.

MANITOBA

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BRANDON P.S.—Splendid reports from all departments were received at the annual meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary, First Church, Brandon. Mrs. G. W. Ferguson presented a Life Membership to Miss Gillespie and Mrs. J. F. Leslie, Junior memberships to Beatrice Milburn and Edna Totten.

The Elizabeth L. Abey Mission Band held a memorial service for Mrs. Abey, Miss Mary Scott presiding. Rev. Mr. Wedderburn gave an address and Mrs. Abey's favourite hymn, the 54th paraphrase, was sung.

We rejoice with Mrs. George Ferrier, one of our most beloved missionary workers, and her husband, who have been spared to celebrate their golden anniversary.

Winnipeg P.S.—St. John's W.M.S. Auxiliary had in 1937 a happy, profitable and successful year. The reports were all encouraging, the officers enthusiastic, and the allocation exceeded.

The Women's Missionary Society Auxiliary of Old Kildonan Presbyterian Church held its annual meeting at the home of Mrs. J. P. Duffin. Increases were reported in all departments. A special feature was the presentation of a Life Membership to Mrs. R. Brodie Anderson.

To Mrs. A. M. L. Long, Winnipeg Presbyterial Press Secretary, is extended our deepest sympathy in the recent death of her husband.

The first meeting for 1938 of Norwood W.M.S. Auxiliary, after a brief address by the President, Mrs. George Laurie, was in charge of Mrs. J. W. Cadwell. After reading the 23rd Psalm, she used a portion of *In the Steps of the Master,* by H. V. Morton, in the Bible study, with maps showing where Christ and His disciples had lived and moved. Miss Margaret Johnstone of Calvin Church sang ''The Stranger of Galilee''. The mission study, ''The Missionary Highway'', was led by a group of women from First Church—Mrs. Cadwell, the leader, and Mrs. George Reynolds, Mrs. Peter Kee and Mrs. Gibson Greer. Guide posts, service stations, garages, and wayfarers, all found a place in the plan outlined by the various speakers, while a detour found the motive power behind it all. A social hour followed. It was agreed that visitors from other Auxiliaries added pleasure and profit to the meeting and should be encouraged.

The seven Presbyterian Churches of Greater Winnipeg were represented at a Day of Prayer service in First Church in January, at which Mrs. H. H. Dunwoody, President of Winnipeg Presbyterial, presided. Women from each of the Churches took part in the service, and Rev. R. M. Esler, of St. James Church, gave an address.

ONTARIO

Miss E. MacBeth, 206 Havelock Street, Toronto, Press Secretary

THE annual meeting of Ontario Provincial Society will be held in Knox's Church, Galt, April 26, 27, 28. Requests for billets must be sent by April 1st to Miss Mary Oliver, 45 James Ave., Galt. Members of the Board (including Presbyterial Presidents) who wish their railway tickets in advance will please write to the Treasurer, Mrs. C. H. Thorburn, 209 Daly Avenue, Ottawa, not later than April 15th.

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Notice to Presbyterial Treasurers.—In future, please send remittances for the Special Retiring Fund for Missionaries to Mrs. V. A. Smith, 211 Dunvegan Road, Toronto.

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Walkerton Auxiliary, Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterial, reports the celebration of its 50th anniversary with many visitors present from other Auxiliaries. Owing to the illness of the President, Miss Sarah Nesbitt, Mrs. F. Rowand was in the chair. The speaker was Mrs. D. J. Lane, Goderich, the grand-daughter of one of the earliest members. Mrs. P. Reith, Tara, brought greetings from the Presbyterial. A Life Membership certificate was presented to Mrs. Neil Smith. A musical number contributed by the Mission Band was much enjoyed. Mrs. McCool and Mrs. Grant, two Honorary members, presided at the tea table, on which was the birthday cake with 50 candles. Port Elgin Auxiliary reports an encouraging year. In spite of disappointment in not having a Thank-offering speaker, the appeal for a special offering met with a generous response.

A Thank-offering meeting was held in the beautiful little church of Lochwinnoch, Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the organization of their Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society in 1887. Miss McInnes, the President, presided. Miss Bertha V. McEwan brought greetings from the Presbyterial and gave an address on ''Thanksgiving and Why''. A fine historical sketch of the Auxiliary was given by Mrs. Leonard Lindsay. Members of the Mission Band contributed musical numbers.

The twenty-fourth annual meeting of Chatham Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, with Mrs. William Tuckey presiding. Reports showed progress in all departments; the allocation was exceeded and supply requirements filled. Mrs. W. A. McLennan, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), gave an excellent address on ''Building a World Christian Community''. Rev. E. A. Wright showed slides of the work in the Peace River district. Reports have come from the Alexander Bartlett and Knox Auxiliaries, Windsor, Wallaceburg, Thamesville, and Knox, Leamington, showing allocations met or exceeded, also extra bales of clothing sent to the Prairie Provinces in response to the appeal in the November *Glad Tidings.*

An interesting feature of the January meeting of Knox Auxiliary, Grand Valley, Orangeville Presbyterial, was the presentation of two Life Membership certificates—to Mrs. H. Donaghy, from the Auxiliary, and to Miss Jordan, Home Helpers Secretary, from the Home Helpers.

A successful year was reported at the annual meeting of Huron Presbyterial in Clinton. Mrs. D. J. Lane, in her presidential address, gave an intimate talk on the responsibilities of members of the W.M.S. She asked, ''Are we using our time, our talents and our ability, or are we hiding them?'' In regard to the allocation, she asked, ''Are we just giving our second best to God? We owe all we have to Him and should give freely, openly and gladly.'' Mrs. T. Swan Smith, Seaforth, the Treasurer, showed in her report that Huron is very much alive to the importance of missionary work and missionary giving. The installation ceremony was conducted by Mrs. Merton A. Reid. Mrs. H. C. Dunlop in a bright and comprehensive summary of all reports called attention to the fact that the Y.W. organizations stand second in the Province. Hensall held the banner for the year.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Bowmanville, Peterborough Presbyterial, Life Membership certificates and pins were presented to Mrs. L. T. McLaughlin and Mrs. F. O. McIlveen, Mrs. McIlveen's being the gift of the C.G.I.T. group of which she has been an untiring leader for the past three years. Sectional meetings in Peterborough Presbyterial were held in Warsaw, Hastings, and Newtonville, the Vice-Presidents of those districts presiding. Satisfactory reports, inspiring addresses, and serious discussion made the three meetings interesting and helpful. The responsibility of the individual member, the duty of senior Auxiliaries to train younger groups, and instructive and worth-while study books were stressed.

A good attendance and splendid departmental reports marked the Sarnia Presbyterial Executive meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia. The financial statement showed that by a substantial increase in givings the allocation was exceeded. Flowers were presented to Mrs. T. W. Nisbet, Honorary President of the Presbyterial, who celebrated her 83rd birthday by attending the meeting. At a ''pot-luck'' supper closing their year's activities, Strathroy Y.W.A. presented three Junior certificates to three babies born during the year to Auxiliary members. Mrs. C. H. MacDougall was presented with a Life Membership.

At a meeting of Knox Church Auxiliary, Conn, Saugeen Presbyterial, reports were excellent. Mrs. Charles Wagner was honoured with a Life Membership certificate. The sale of a quilt donated by Mrs. Fred Graham helped the Auxiliary to meet the allocation. Rev. Mr. Ferguson gave an address on ''Love''.

The winter executive meeting of Kingston Presbyterial, held at the home of Mrs. George Reid, Belleville, was well attended. Mrs. Reid, a former President, now an invalid as the result of a motor accident some years ago, is keenly interested in missionary work. Mrs. P. Ransom, Belleville, gave a résumé of the year's work.

At a meeting of Knox Auxiliary, Dundas, Hamilton Presbyterial, the President, Mrs. I. Layden, on behalf of a number of friends, presented a Life Membership certificate and pin to the minister, Rev. W. B. Mitchell. The allocation was exceeded by a substantial sum.

Ottawa Presbyterial again received an Honorary Membership subscribed for by Mrs. J. R. Hardinge, of Coe Hill, (formerly Louise Park of Kenmore). This is the seventh that Mrs. Hardinge has presented, the money having been earned by herself. So many times Miss Park helped at the last moment with a threatened Presbyterial deficit that she is regarded as a special benefactor. She has always been deeply interested in our Women's Missionary Society.

The annual meeting of Lindsay Presbyterial in St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, was well attended. Uxbridge Mission Band again ranked highest and was awarded the picture of Dr. Margaret O'Hara. Rev. Mr. McRoberts, of Bobcaygeon, represented Presbytery. The guest speaker, Mrs. W. A. McLennan, of Toronto, delivered an inspiring address on the Foreign Missions Conference held recently in Toronto and highlights in our Society's work. The fact that love must be our strongest motive in the work of the Women's Missionary Society was stressed, and Mrs. McLennan requested each Auxiliary, no matter how small, to pray for the Council Executive.

QUEBEC

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MONTREAL P.S.—The Montreal Presbyterial annual meeting in Kensington Church on February 1st and 2nd was one of the most successful in years with an unusually large attendance, three outstanding speakers, encouraging reports, and last but not least, a surprise visit from the Moderator of the General Assembly, the Rev. Hugh Munroe. With Mrs. W. E. Baker presiding in her alert, efficient and agreeable way, the four business sessions proceeded on schedule.

Bringing messages of hope and congratulation, there was an overtone of challenge to carry on in the face of unprecedented world conditions in each of the three addresses of the visiting speakers, Mrs. A. R. McMurrich, Toronto, Vice-President of the Council Executive and Secretary for India; Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, Reg.N., from Jobat, India; and Miss Laura K. Pelton, Young Women's Travelling Secretary. W.M.S. workers are proud, Mrs. McMurrich said, to be among the 30,000 Protestant missionaries, that great company who form a world-wide fellowship. ''That time is long past'', she declared, ''when we can narrow down our interests to the work of our own Society. As national boundaries are changing, the people of the world are becoming better known to one another in the Christian Church. Home and foreign missions have become world missions.'' Miss MacMurchy dealt with the Christian endeavours of Indian women converts whose fervour in religious teaching and practical Christian living is worthy of praise and emulation. Miss Pelton, in a survey of conditions abroad, mentioned the fears of Chinese Christians as to the disastrous effect of the war, fears matched by the indomitable spirit in which they are carrying on. In India where the greatest progress has been made she said the present estimate is that 7,000 persons a month, among Untouchables and middle-class Indians, are turning away from Hinduism. More than ever the need for Christian leadership is paramount.

In addition to the Moderator's gracious message, greetings were voiced by Mrs. J. W. Dougherty for the Provincial Board, and Rev. H. R. Pickup for Montreal Presbytery. Rev. I. A. Montgomery, D.D., minister of Kensington Church, welcomed the delegates, and led the devotions at the evening meeting, one of the largest in recent years.

Mrs. Charles Johnson of Westmount is the new President. Other changes in officers include three new Vice-Presidents, Mrs. A. G. Rintoul, Mrs. A. D. MacGregor, and Miss Elizabeth Walsh; Recording Secretary, Miss Dorothy Coles; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. Roland Kennedy; Assistant Girls' Organizations Secretary, Mrs. K. W. Rayner; Library, Mrs. Lilas Van Kirk; Press, Mrs. F. Scott Mackenzie.

Reports from departmental secretaries were eloquent of assiduous and well-directed effort. Mrs. Kennedy, referring to the Executive's work, said, ''We do feel that as a Presbyterial we owe much more than we realize to the sacrifice of time and thought which these officers and secretaries of departments give so willingly and gratuitously. We look forward to another year of labour in the Master's vineyard somewhat troubled by the conditions we view. We need our faith as never before and the challenge to us who proclaim it is more urgent than ever. The words of one of our missionaries lays a great responsibility upon us: 'If you are faithful, we will be—and they will be!' ''

The Treasurer announced receipts of $13,900, a substantial increase, with an additional $834 for the Retiring Fund for Missionaries. Other reports told of marked increases in membership and givings in most departments.

At the Young Women's rally in Knox Crescent Church on the evening of January 31st, a large audience heard with great interest an address on ''Indian Women Without Christ'' by Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, home on furlough after several years' service in both nursing and evangelistic work in Jobat. The women she described ranged from a Bhil witch doctor to the Rani of the district. Until *purdah* is abolished, there will be little of the ''more abundant life'' for them, she observed. Reports of the Young Women's Secretaries, read by Miss Margaret Macnaughton, disclosed indefatigable work and increased interest. Two groups in Knox Crescent amalgamated; a group in St. Matthew's, Point St. Charles, was organized and the Goforth Circle, Huntingdon, became an affiliated group. Membership stands at 422. Greetings were given by Rev. David Scott, of Knox Crescent, Mrs. W. E. Baker, for the Presbyterial, Mrs. J. W. Dougherty, for the Provincial, and by Mrs. A. R. McMurrich, for the Council Executive. Miss Laura Pelton, Young Women's Travelling Secretary, presented a general survey of the work among young women in the Dominion. Mrs. A. W. Pae presided.

SASKATCHEWAN

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SASKATOON P.S.—Following the injunction given at the annual Presbyterial meetings the Wilkie Auxiliary held a meeting in Wolfe on November 3rd. There is no branch of the Women's Missionary Society in this community and the ladies appreciated the meeting very much. The work of the Society was outlined and an inspiring programme presented by members of the Wilkie Auxiliary. This effort may mean the organizing of an Auxiliary in Wolfe.

The North Battleford Auxiliary has sustained a great loss in Mrs. Kerr's removal to Ontario. The study book selected by them, *By My Spirit,* by Dr. Goforth, is being found very helpful and inspiring. At the November meeting interest in the *Glad Tidings* was shown by several members mentioning articles that had impressed them.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Saskatoon, held its fall Thank-offering meeting on November 10th. Mrs. R. Rowat, of Parkview Church, gave an address on ''Gratitude'', which she spoke of as a flower planted in the garden of the Christian's soul and needing care and cultivation.

At the Thank-offering meeting of Parkview Auxiliary, Saskatoon, Mrs. Grant gave a review of our W.M.S. organization, and the president gave a paper on ''The Great Command'', a challenge to the women of to-day even as it had been to those of past years.

Treasurer's Statement

December 31st, 1937

RECEIPTS	
"In His Name" for Rocky Mountain House Hospital	$ 15.00
Mrs. Thos. Bell, Toronto	10.00
Ladies' Aid, Lousana, Alta.	3.12
Pension rates paid by missionaries	85.29
Interest transferred from Special Retiring Fund	760.00
Refund from Legacy on Succession duties paid	124.35
Refund from Legacy Fund Missionary's House, Brownvale	135.00
Refund from Sustaining Fund, Building Hungarian Church	1,000.00
Refund from Sustaining Fund, Missionary's Medical Expense	80.90
Refund from Sustaining Fund, Scholarship for boy in Bhil Field	45.00
Refund from Special Indian Account for Education of Indian Girls	251.48
Refund from Chinese Student Account	1,029.09
Refund from Manitoba Provincial	58.67
Refund from Vegreville Residence	200.00
Refund from Ontario Provincial "Summer School Expense"	6.00
Presbyterian Woman for 1937 Estimates	100.00
PROVINCIAL GIVINGS:	
Alberta	1,937.41
British Columbia	2,557.28
Manitoba	1,708.47
Ontario	41,701.00
Quebec	5,730.00
Saskatchewan	1,370.00
	$58,908.06

DISBURSEMENTS	
Hospitals:	
Canora	$ 379.24
Vegreville	250.00
Chinese in Canada	562.24
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	554.24
Birtle Indian School	582.28
Mistawasis Indian Day School	45.00
Presbyterian Residences:	
Huntingdon	75.00
Saskatoon	75.00
Vegreville	250.06
India:	
Bhil Field	5,023.50
Jhansi Field	3,625.25
Formosa	1,015.37
British Guiana	300.00
South China	250.00
Manchuria	200.00
Organization	613.38
Publications	1,104.49
Special Retiring Allowances for Missionaries	146.74
Welcome and Welfare and Deaconesses	1,411.60
Education of Chinese Students	124.04
Education of Indian Girls	80.81
Library	2.91
Lantern Slides	1.20
Fees, Foreign Missions Conference, League of Nations and School of Missions	176.00
Christian Literature	100.00
New Missionaries	108.32
Insurance	145.00
Supplies	555.72
Exchange	1,456.72
Administration	476.33
	$19,690.44

RESERVE FUND RECEIPTS:

Special Retiring Fund for Missionaries—	
Special gift ''In memory of Margaret Robertson Machan''	$ 10.00
Special gift ''In memory of Mrs. Agnes Campbell Potts''	10.00
Memorial gift from Miss Dawes, Perth, Ont., through Lachine Auxiliary	500.00
Legacy from St. John's Auxiliary, Hamilton	125.00
Alberta, Gold Mite Boxes	60.72
British Columbia, Gold Mite Boxes	112.94
Manitoba, Gold Mite Boxes	37.64
Ontario, Gold Mite Boxes	1,230.84
Quebec, Gold Mite Boxes	255.26
Saskatchewan, Gold Mite Boxes	81.93
Interest	27.33
Interest transferred from Legacy, Special and Formosa Accounts	1,173.44
Sustaining Fund—Interest	113.75
Formosa Forward Movement Fund—	
Transferred from Trust Funds in Formosa	643.80
Interest	31.31
Legacy Fund—	
The Misses Durie Estate, Ottawa	1,072.60
Interest	62.32
Special Fund—	
Government Grant for Education of Indian Students	132.00
Rent of Bungalow in Japan	30.00
Payment on New Liskeard School Home	100.00
Collection on South Porcupine Hospital Account	2.00
Interest	10.59
	$5,823.47

DISBURSEMENTS:

Formosa Forward Movement Fund—	
Interest transferred to Special Retiring Fund	$ 560.15
Legacy Fund—	
Exchange	.25
Succession Duties	124.35
Missionary's House, Brownvale, Alta.	171.50
Missionary's House, Last Lake, Alta.	277.00
Barwani Dispensary	450.00
Interest transferred to Special Retiring Fund	222.79
Sustaining Fund—	
Miss Lambert's Expenses	240.00
Hungarian Church	1,000.00
Missionary's Medical Expense	80.90
Scholarship for boy in Amkhut	45.00
Special Fund—	
Education of Indian Girls (Special Indian Fund)	251.48
Rocky Mountain House Hospital	1,136.49
Interest transferred to Special Retiring Fund	390.50
Special Retiring Fund for Missionaries—	
Interest transferred to General Fund for Special Retiring Allowances	760.00
	$5,710.41

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Easter

Sing, soul of mine, this day of days.
The Lord is risen.
Toward the sunrising set thy face.
The Lord is risen.
Behold He giveth strength and grace;
For darkness, light; for mourning, praise;
For sin, His holiness; for conflict, peace.

Arise, O soul, this Easter Day!
Forget the tomb of yesterday,
For thou from bondage art set free;
Thou sharest in His victory
And life eternal is for thee,
Because the Lord is risen.

—Author unknown.

Editorial

Easter Thank-offering

IS every branch of the Women's Missionary Society holding an Easter Thank-offering meeting? When one considers the work of our Society, as well as of the Church as a whole, one finds abundant reasons for thanksgiving. This work, however, cannot be carried on without the generous support of our members. It is earnestly hoped, therefore, that the Easter season will be made the occasion of a real Thank-offering for what has been, and is being, done, and for the great possibilities for advance in every field. The Auxiliary page this month contains valuable material for such a meeting.

Appointments to New Hospital

Miss Irene Margaret McRae

THE Council Executive is glad to announce the appointment of the Superintendent of the new Rocky Mountain House Hospital and one nurse. Miss Irene Margaret McRae, of Wellwood, Manitoba, who is a graduate (1934) of the Portage la Prairie Hospital and has been for two and a half years on the staff of the Hugh Waddell Memorial Hospital at Canora, Saskatchewan, has been appointed Superintendent. She is a member of Zion Presbyterian Church, Wellwood, of which her grandfather was a charter member and for many years an elder, and she is highly spoken of by her own Church people. Miss Cuddy, under whom Miss McRae has been working, recommends her very highly for the new position as a very capable nurse, an excellent staff member, well fitted to meet the public as required. The nurse will be Miss Verlie Evans, a member of Central Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, who was during 1937 serving as a nurse deaconess under the Women's Missionary Society on the Dixonville field of the Peace River district. Lately she has been taking post-graduate training at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton.

Sailing Arranged

MRS. LANGDON GEHMAN and Miss Helena W. Gibbs, who were last year appointed to missionary service in Manchuria under the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) but were prevented by war conditions from proceeding to their field in the autumn, expect to leave for Szepingkai, Manchuria, in the summer. Their passage has been taken for the 20th August. As new missionaries, they will devote their time at first to the study of the language.

THE sincere sympathy of our members is extended to Miss Helen Ross, deaconess, of Regina, who was called home in February by the death of her sister in Chesley, Ontario.

A Long Record as Editor

AFTER serving for thirty years as editor of the *Presbyterian Message,* the magazine of the Women's Missionary Society (Eastern Division), Mrs. William Macnab has resigned because of serious illness. It is given to few editors, we believe, to look back over such a long period of editing one magazine. To the Society Mrs. Macnab has given long, devoted service, especially through the medium of the *Presbyterian Message,* and her interest in its work will not cease now that she is no longer in charge of the magazine. To Miss E. G. Shaw, the assistant editor, who will carry on the work of editor, we would extend our best wishes.

In South China

WRITING to thank the Board for continuing the grant of $1,000 for 1938 for evangelistic work under the Church of Christ in China, Dr. A. L. Fisher says that, as usual, this Fund is being devoted to women's work in the 4th District Association, for which they have been able to engage another Bible woman. She is being recommended by the Rev. Calvin Lee and is a graduate of the Nanking Bible School for Women. Her name is Miss Low Sui Wa.

A New Name

THIS year, the Diamond Jubilee year of the Women's Missionary Association of the Presbyterian Church in England, its quarterly magazine has changed its name from *Our Sisters in Other Lands* to *Far Horizons.* The magazine will devote a certain number of pages to general foreign missionary news, ''instead of dealing only or mainly with women's work''. Of the new name the editor, Miss Grant, writes: ''The new title was found after deliberate and conscious search for some name which should suggest the width and greatness of the task to which, as Christians, we are called; that with nothing less can we be content than that all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of God. *Far Horizons* is not intended to suggest any idea of remoteness of our mission fields, rather it is meant to stress what may be summed up in the Chinese proverb: 'Under heaven, one family'—that is, to whatever horizon we may lift our eyes, there, too, dwell members of the same household of faith, children of the same Father.''

Dr. Kannawin Brings News From the West

ON the 22nd February Dr. W. M. Kannawin, General Secretary of the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, brought to the Council Executive news of the Society's work as he had seen it in the autumn during a ten-week visit to the Western provinces. In southern Saskatchewan he had been impressed by the courage and optimism of the people, who, in spite of drought and repeated crop failures, were standing by the work of the Church and looking forward hopefully to the future. Many families, however, have left their farms, to begin again in the north. Following these people into new districts and ministering to them there, at the same time helping the congregations in the south that have been left in a weakened condition, constitutes a problem that has to be faced by the Sunday School Department, the Women's Missionary Society, and the Church as a whole. In the Peace River district Dr. Kannawin visited the Society's workers on the Dixonville, Last Lake, Brownvale, Prestville and Pouce Coupe fields,—Miss Evans, Miss Madill, Miss Rollo, Miss Grigor, and Miss Gordon, as well as Dr. Savage. Of the work they were all doing he spoke most highly. There seemed to be no difficulty they were not ready to face, and no sacrifice they were not willing to make. Through them, he said, the Women's Missionary Society is doing a splendid piece of work. There is, he feels, opportunity for more nurse deaconesses for such service as Miss Madill is rendering,—caring for those who need a nurse and helping with Church services and Mission Bands. Miss Madill's house at Last Lake, fifteen miles from the railway, is very comfortable, he reported. Inexpensively but tastefully furnished, it is the "dream

Miss Madill's house, Last Lake, Alta.

house'' to the young people of the district. He visited homes on that field and conducted a service at the Figure Eight school. From Grande Prairie, where he spent Sunday, speaking to the Sunday School and conducting the evening service, he had a rough eighty-nine mile trip by train to Pouce Coupe to visit the field where Miss Ione Gordon is doing deaconess work and holding services at Riverside and Tupper Creek. Near Prestville, now the centre of Miss Grigor's field, with its new church and manse, he addressed Mission Bands in two schools and baptized children in one of the homes. Later he saw something of the fine work Miss Hazel Macdonald had been doing in the Red Deer district and spoke at Presbyterial sectional meetings at Rocky Mountain House and Willowdale. At the former place, too, he saw the hospital that was being built and admired its fine situation within sight of the foothills of the Rockies. In conclusion, Dr. Kannawin said that one of the great problems of the Church is to develop a greater measure of self-support among the people of what have been pioneer fields, who are now able to help themselves, thus allowing assistance to be given to more needy fields.

Visitors at the Council Executive Meeting

THE first of March seemed to be visitors' day for the Council Executive, when Rev. A. M. Hill, D.D., Convener of the General Board of Missions, Rev. M. Fesenko, of the Ukrainian Mission in Toronto, and Miss Helen Ross, deaconess, of Regina, were welcomed to the meeting.

Dr. Hill, after referring to the splendid contribution the Women's Missionary Society is making to the missionary work of the Church and the social services and congratulating the Board on its fine, efficient work, spoke of some matters of policy affecting the work both of the Board of Missions and the Women's Missionary Society. Thanking Dr. Hill, Mrs. McLennan and Mrs. Strachan expressed appreciation of the leadership he has given the Board of Missions, and the impetus given to overseas missions.

Mr. Fesenko had been asked to speak of the Ukrainian mission and of his work in preparing and distributing Christian literature among the Ukrainian people. There are, he said, from 9,000 to 12,000 Ukrainians in Toronto alone, and among them different Churches are working, as well as non-religious agencies. His congregation has several times changed their place of meeting, but now services are being held in Dale Church, although it is not very conveniently situated and is not warm in cold weather. When work was begun there, the Sunday School was very small, but after a few months there are now seventy children in the Sunday School and an average attendance of forty at the morning service. The prospects for work among the children are good, Mr. Fesenko feels. At first the Ukrainian language alone was used in the mission, not only because many of the older people did not understand English but also because parents were being persuaded that Christian workers, in teaching and using English, were trying to take their children from them. Now, however, English is being used in the Sunday School; hymns may be sung in English or Ukrainian. A serious problem has been the provision of Christian reading matter for the Ukrainian people, to counteract the influence of the communistic literature freely distributed among them. Knowing how eagerly the whole family discusses the rare letter that comes into their homes, Mr. Fesenko decided to spread the Gospel by means of letters. The letters are sent to the ''key-men'' among the Ukrainians and to as many others as possible. From the three hundred copies of the first four-page letter he sent out there was a fine response. It brought him many enquiries and many requests for letters, from Western Canada, the United States, and even from Poland and Czechoslovakia, with the result that his list of addresses was doubled and attendance at his Church services increased. Already two series of letters have been issued—2,400 printed pages. It is only a beginning, but he is confident that this effort will help people to build up their faith. He has prepared a series of questions to be answered and subjects with which he will deal, and, if he has the means, he will continue this work, which he considers needful and important enough to be done. He is hoping that it will not only help the mission work, but also help Ukrainians of other Churches to build up their faith and will be the means of bringing others to Christ. He thanked the Society for the money given for a Ukrainian hymn-book, which is being prepared for use in Europe as well as here. While a building was needed for the work of the mission, it has been decided best to remain in Dale Church. The getting of a new building, Mr. Fesenko feels, would mean his spending most of his time trying to raise money for it, instead of preaching the Gospel. Besides, he looks forward to the time when the Sunday School children of to-day will be grown up and form an English-speaking congregation ready to unite with the other to minister to the people of that neighbourhood.

Mrs. W. H. Mitchell, Deaconess Secretary, introduced Miss Helen Ross, of Regina, to the Council Executive. Her work as a deaconess in Regina, Miss Ross explained, is mainly in connection with Eastview Sunday School and North Side Church, and with the Chinese women in the city. There has been a great deal of relief work this year, for which she had received more than fifty bales or cartons of clothing, most of it in good condition. Eastview Sunday School, with a hundred and fifty to two hundred enrolled and twenty-one teachers and officers, had been divided into two departments and a second room fitted up for use. The Eastview Women's Guild is an Associate Society. There is, too, a girls' group, and there could be a Mission Band, if they had a place to meet. Most of the people belong to First Church, but it is too far away for them to go regularly. The North Side

Sunday School has about a hundred on the roll, and an average attendance of fifty or sixty. In that congregation there is a W.M.S. Auxiliary and the Women's Guild is an Associate Society.

Our Magazine

OF how many Auxiliaries can it be truthfully said that they are endeavouring to introduce the *Glad Tidings* into every home in the congregation? Yet Article X of the Auxiliary By-laws (annual report, page 235) definitely states that to be one of the duties of the *Glad Tidings* Secretary, a duty that she can carry out, however, only with the co-operation of *all* the members. Is every member who feels that the magazine is worth while doing all she can to have it more widely read?

A year ago this month we announced that the magazine was being enlarged by the addition of four pages. This step was taken in the expectation that the increase in the number of subscriptions that had made it possible would not only be maintained but become greater, as we were still far below our objective. It was very disappointing, therefore, to find at the end of the year that there were five hundred fewer paid subscriptions than the year before, although still over eleven hundred more than in 1935. And now we are faced with the disturbing fact that on the 10th March this year we are over six hundred short of our total on the 31st March last year. Some groups *have* increased their subscriptions, but, so far, many are down, and a few have sent in no orders at all yet.

What is to be done? The responsibility does not rest entirely with the *Glad Tidings* Secretary. Every member must help. An Auxiliary may be justly proud to report that all its members subscribe to the magazine, but it should aim at something more. There are undoubtedly many in the congregation who would take the *Glad Tidings,* even if they are not Auxiliary members. And we would again call attention to the need of extra subscriptions, gift subscriptions, to make it possible to send the *Glad Tidings* to women who are unable to subscribe themselves but to whom it means much; for some in isolated places it is the only source of information about our missionary work, or, in some cases, about the work of the Church.

Could not the members of each branch resolve themselves into a *Glad Tidings* committee to secure more subscribers to the magazine, seriously endeavouring to introduce it into every home in the congregation? Sample copies may be obtained by writing to the Editor, Room 700, 372 Bay Street, Toronto.

Do not wait for people to say they wish to subscribe. Try to interest those who are not getting the magazine; ask them to subscribe to it for the year. Be ready to take the thirty-five or fifty cents,—it is sometimes difficult to send it to the Secretary, and with the best intentions in the world, it is so easy for one to put off and then forget. Then, and this is *important,* have the magazines distributed *promptly,* when the parcel arrives; it is not easy to maintain interest in a magazine that one gets very late or very irregularly. We try to have the magazine reach the Secretaries by the first of each month; then it is the duty of the *Glad Tidings* Secretaries to see that the subscribers get them at once.

New Life Among the Bhils

WE are camping 70 miles from Jobat in Jhabua State. We are so glad for the chance of working here. The field has never been touched, and the people had never heard the name of Jesus until we came. They are not hardened, as around Alirajpur and Jobat. They have given us such a warm welcome. The men have visited twenty-one ''villages'', going into almost every home, and making friends with eighteen of the ''turvi'' (head men) of those communities. The *turvi* have been the most interested and receptive of all. Two ''burwa'' (witch doctors) have given up their evil practices, confessing before all the people their deception and falsehood, praying and seeking forgiveness from God. The story of the Cross—His death and resurrection—has gripped them. They never get over the fact that ''Jesus died in our place.'' It is remarkable the grasp of it all they have. One day a *turvi* brought forty of the men of his community here to camp and stayed all afternoon, just asking questions and wanting to learn more. It is all so very wonderful we can only praise God and pray that there may be a real spiritual awakening here. There are certainly many hungry souls really desirous of knowing the way of eternal life. The men in their fields quit their work, saying, ''This is certainly more important than farming; this is the most wonderful thing we've ever heard.'' They come from surrounding villages and beg the men to come with the message to them that they have heard through others. We have never met any Bhils like them. Dr. Buchanan, who was here last week, said, ''I've worked with the Bhils for 40 years, but I've never seen a Bhil coming to inquire the way of salvation before.'' But we've given them nothing but Jesus, the crucified Saviour, and they are drawn and attracted. Not many come for medicine, but now and again some do. We haven't made medicines, or gramophone, or slides, or music, or any other thing an attraction. And God has certainly been blessing His Word. If they will only go on, all the way, and be satisfied in their hearts, then they will not be turning back in a few months or years.

Do pray with us and others at home that a deep spiritual work may be done here that will be lasting. There are many scattered here and there who, we feel sure, will join in one large ''ministry of prayer''. Prayer is the need of the hour. —*Extract from a letter from Mrs. C. L. Wood.*

Coin of the Realm

Reprinted from *Far Horizons*, of the Presbyterian Church of England

"WHAT could you do in Formosa if I gave you five shillings?"

So we asked some of our missionaries from Formosa recently, hardly expecting that such a sum, equivalent to a few packets of cigarettes or a family outing to the pictures, would represent very much expended in Christian missionary effort. The answer was surprising.

"How much of an ordained pastor's time would you be able to pay if I gave you five shillings?" we asked.

"None," was the reply. "No five shillings of yours would be used for such a purpose. The Formosan Church itself pays all its ordained men."

"Unordained preachers, then," we urged. "Surely the Home Church pays for them?"

"Only a certain amount. The Mission contributes only 6,000 yen to the Sustentation Fund for preachers' salaries."

Our five shillings seemed safer in our pocket than we had thought. "Then five shillings would not really be of much use to you in your work?" we pursued, more hopefully. "There's not much really that you could do with so small a sum?"

"Oh yes," was the reply. "Five shillings would enable the Sustentation Fund to pay a preacher for four days; it would keep a Bible-woman for six days; would pay the fees of a student at the Bible Institute for five days, or a Formosan teacher's salary at the Institute for two and a half days. It would give a student six and a half days at a summer vacation course on Bible study and evangelistic methods, or it would pay the cook for five days."

This began to sound like money well spent, but the facts did not really come to life until we went on to ask what the human and Christian meaning of figures might be.

A Preacher's Four Days

We decide to have five shillings' worth of a preacher's life and we see him starting out on his four days' work. The head-man of the village has recently become favourable to Christian teaching, and the preacher's first call is at this man's house. The wife has been cured at the Christian hospital and has since been attending church. The son is applying for entrance at the Christian middle school. At another house he has to arrange for a bedridden patient to enter the Christian hospital, and this may necessitate the preacher himself going with him to Shoka or Tainan. Then he has to speak at the village mutual improvement society later in the day and, as representing the Christians in the community, he has to see the Government official concerning co-operation in local welfare work.

If the moon is to be full that night he may have organized a preaching-band, including Dr. MacLeod or Mr. Singleton, to hold open-air meetings in the neighbouring market-places, and both the preparation for this and the plans for following it up require careful consideration. Or there are people at a distance in scattered districts too far off to attend week-night meetings at the church. So the preacher tours round holding cottage prayer meetings.

A family will invite nearby Church members and new inquirers to attend at their house and the preacher gives an address and talks informally with them, going on the next day to other places, visiting isolated Christians on his way. He is back at his own home in time to conduct the weekly Sunday school preparation class, or perhaps a Bible class for the young men of the district in the Japanese language.

If Sunday is included in the four days, our preacher will be busy with his Sunday School before morning service. He will conduct both morning and afternoon services, and there will be informal family prayers in the evening at which young men will drop in and stay for a chat. The Manse is always open for callers who consult the preacher on a hundred and one different things:—

Will he please write a letter for them? Will he write and ask the missionary to order some seeds from abroad? Will he coach a boy for the entrance examination at the middle school? Will he recommend a deacon's daughter as a nurse in the Christian hospital? The police have come round asking the villages for subscriptions to the local Shinto shrine. Are the Christians to pay? Will he find out if it is voluntary or compulsory? Some of the Church members want to start a pineapple factory on a co-operative basis. What does he advise, etc. etc.

A Bible Woman's Six Days

We must turn the pages of the diary quickly lest we get too much for our five shillings. We find such items as the following:—

Sunday.—Rose about 6 a.m., so as to be ready by 7.30 to welcome any children arriving early for Sunday School. During Sunday School time (8.30 to 9.45) I helped some women to learn to read. Started with only one and finished with four. During both morning and afternoon worship sat near the door to welcome newcomers. Had an interesting talk with two women afterwards. They said they did not understand the doctrine yet, but were sure it was good as their Christian neighbour was so truthful and happy. After dinner held a prayer meeting with Mrs. Pastor and a number of women unable to come all the way in again for the prayer meeting on Tuesdays. At 3.30, after service, visited three households where there was sickness. In the evening met with the pastor and some of the brethren and talked about many things.

Monday.—(Among other entries.) Went to rich Mrs. Wood to teach her and her two daughters to read. Also spoke to her mother-in-law about God being our Heavenly Father. Our evening prayers to-night were attended by a young doctor who came to Church for the first time yesterday.

Tuesday.—*Inter alia.* Visited three new hearers, and had talk with heathen members of their households. Started a Romanized reading class for young women and girls; six came.

Wednesday.—Visited two backsliders; one man promised to come to the Church prayer meeting to-night. Again taught at Mrs. Wood's. Twenty attended the prayer meeting; about half of them took part.

Thursday.—A little fever this morning, but better by noon. Afternoon: taught seven young women and girls. Evening: twelve of us met in pastor's house for a short time of prayer; then divided into two groups and went to the side of the market-place and to the old temple to preach. Our band had nearly fifty people listening, and quietly, too!

Friday.—Mrs. Pastor and I set off 8.15 a.m. for a distant village and arrived 9.30. Visited both Christians and heathen, and spoke to a dozen women in Mrs. Yellow's courtyard. Three children promised to come on Sunday. Mrs. Yellow gave us our midday meal. Had a short rest and then set off home, arriving at 3 p.m.

Which Realm?

We needed to go no further with our inquiries. We looked at our two half-crowns bearing the King's image and legal tender throughout the realm. In the light of what we had heard they seemed to reveal another face, scarred and marked with suffering, and they seemed capable of a still wider circulation. We saw them as coin of the Realm of God.

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Came to our aid
The sun, the birds, the springing things,
The winging things, the singing things;
And taught us this,—
After each Winter cometh Spring,—
God's hand is still in everything,—
His mighty purposes are sure,—
His endless love doth still endure,
And will not cease, nor know remiss,
Despite man's forfeiture.

The Lord is risen indeed!
In very truth and deed
The Lord is risen, is risen, is risen;
He will supply our need.

—*John Oxenham.*

Retiring Nurse Honoured

By Miss E. Chisholm, Formosa

Miss Phoa, the head nurse, resigned and left at the end of September, three days after I returned. I had a feeling of regret and gladness—regret chiefly because I had been depending on her wise guidance to help me find my place again among the nurses, to many of whom I would be a stranger; gladness because she was going home to her family, for family union means so much in this land.

After a year's study in the Tansui Women's School, she came to the Mackay Memorial Hospital in 1913, and worked there until 1918, when the hospital closed. She then went to the Tai-Tiong Hospital (situated about the centre of the Island), but when the Mackay Memorial Hospital reopened in 1925, she accepted the position of head nurse. Since that time she had carried on faithfully until her resignation in September, except for several months of sick leave when she had a serious operation in 1927, and in 1930 when she had her right eye removed.

Hers was a quiet, retiring nature. She went about her duties, quietly dropping a word of sympathy to the lonely heart, a word of advice where needed. In the quiet moments, when nursing duties were done for the time being, it was not unusual to find her sitting by a patient, making known to her the way of life.

Her real worth showed itself in her wise counsel to the foreign nurse in dealing with those of her own race. She made an invaluable matron of the Nurses' Residence; being older, she had an influence over the younger nurses that it is impossible for a younger one to have.

At a farewell feast given by the hospital in her honour, the addresses given by members of the staff and others testified to the place that she had won for herself during her years of service. She was presented with a framed scroll, and the message on it was that she had won a place for herself in the hearts of those with whom she worked and of those for whom she cared, by her gentle, peaceful, and sympathetic nature and her willingness to be of service to others.

I thank our Master for her years of service and for the privilege that has been mine of knowing and working with her, and I hope that she may have many happy years with her own people, who, I know, are happy to have her in their midst again.

For life, with all it yields of joy and woe,
And hope and fear . . .
Is just our chance o' the prize of learning love,
How love might be, hath been indeed, and is.

—*Browning.*

ALLELUIA, CHRIST IS RISEN

Why Do I Believe in Foreign Missions?

By the Rev. A. Boyd Scott, M.C., D.D.

Reprinted from *Ministering Women,* New South Wales, Australia

I.

FIRSTLY, I believe in Foreign Missions because there is a book called the Bible.

This book resounds with missionary calls; at first faintly, if you will—and yet the promise to Abraham (Gen. XII: 3) is like a bugle at daybreak. The Book of Jonah is like a universal fanfare of trumpets. The New Testament begins with a song out of heaven proclaiming a Gospel of life and liberty to the whole earth, and the arms of Christ's Cross deliver it across the wide world. Not even Hitler's bishops could cut out of the Bible that supreme missionary motive!

II.

Secondly, I believe in Foreign Missions because of that hill called Calvary.

Christ died there for me. He died there for all people of every clime and nation: Jews, Greek, Roman, Scythian, bond and free. Dare I say that it is no concern of mine that all these people should hear about this and have the good news told them? Can I, whose soul is lighted with wisdom from on high—can I to men benighted the lamp of life deny? Can you picture anyone standing before that Cross on Calvary and saying to his Saviour, "Master, I really don't believe in Foreign Missions!"? . . . If so, then I ask, in the name of God whose Son mounted His Cross to swing a lost world back to God, what *does* such a man believe in?

III.

Thirdly, I believe in Foreign Missions because there is a hill called Olivet.

Do you think any man who calls himself a Christian can keep away from Olivet—the place of covenanting with his glorious Redeemer now risen from the dead? He cannot. But if he be a man who will have no truck with Foreign Missions, let him beware of that encounter! Even if he tries to hide behind Peter's back, does not the commission Christ gave to Peter and his fellows then whip round behind to him? What commission? This: ''Go ye therefore and make disciples of all the nations!'' (Matt. XXVIII: 19). Dare he shut his ears, his conscience, his purse, to such a command as that? And what of that other word of his Prince— ''Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to the whole creation!'' (Mark XVI: 15).

IV.

Fourthly, I believe in Foreign Missions because there is an island called Iona.

That is St. Columba's isle. Columba was the chiefest of those by whose travail of soul my native country was born. Scotland was the result of a Foreign Mission. Can't you hear people saying to Columba, before he sailed in the direction of my people, in the Ark of the Gospel, ''Why bother about those pagan folk in Alban? Are they not happy enough with the religion they have? Why spoil them? Why turn them into 'mission boys'?'' That's the kind of thing they said to Columba and to Ninian before him, and to Mungo and Cuthbert. That's the kind of thing they are saying this very day when the blue peter flies on the Ark of the Gospel in Sydney Harbour. Thanks be to God Columba refused to listen! This I say as a Scot, as a Briton, whose race was born of a Foreign Mission.

V.

Fifthly, I believe in Foreign Missions because there is a city called Geneva.

Geneva is the general headquarters of the League of Nations. I know all that is being said to-day in scorn of the League of Nations. I know, too, that the more it is scorned, weakened, scrapped, the deeper into the pit of despair and hopelessness sinks the cause of civilization called Christian, which is the only recognizable civilization. The League must be mended and enlarged, else we ''rattle down into barbarism''. This is axiomatic in international politics. But even if the League be mended as a brand-new scheme and equipped with a machinery that is equal to every obstacle and jar in the way of the world's peace, it will rattle itself apart, and in the end break asunder, unless the *spirit* of the nations is *covenanted.* Where shall you find that spirit of fellowship, that soul-compelling motive of peace and goodwill, by which alone an international League can function? Is there any answer but this: In the religion of Him who came to baptize the world in His blood, who revealed the inherent brotherhood of all men as the children of the one Father, and who is summoning the phalanx of His Church to tell the story of it everywhere? . . . Missions—Home and Foreign!

Scholarships for Missionaries and Nationals

ONE of the six Missionary Fellowships and Scholarships assigned for 1938-39 by Union Theological Seminary, New York, came to a Canadian missionary.

The Canadian missionary from Japan this year was: Rev. W. H. H. Norman, missionary of the United Church of Canada, Kanazawa, Japan. The others went to China (2), and one each to India, Siam and Africa.

Several Missionary Fellowships (yielding $750 a year and limited to Seminary graduates) and Missionary Scholarships (yielding $450 a year, preferably though not necessarily for Seminary graduates) are available annually for missionaries on furlough and for especially qualified nationals of mission lands. Candidates should be persons of special attainments or promise who have already been engaged in actual service, not undergraduate students.

Application for 1939-40 should reach the Seminary by January 1st, 1939. *Further information* can be obtained from the Registrar of the Seminary.

Twelve fully furnished apartments are available for missionaries on furlough. Detailed information about these apartments can be secured by addressing the Bursar of the Seminary.

POEM

Long ago the jealous Priest
And the Roman Man of Power,
Sent the Lord in evil hour
To His death on Calvary.

Darkened nations, worshipping
As a God mere earthly might,
Crucify the Lord of Light
Once again on Calvary.

Sin and pride within my heart,
Striving, hostile without cease,
Would condemn the Prince of Peace
To a death on Calvary.

Mightier still than power of Kings,
Ancient hate or present foes,
Than the frail hearts' treacheries,
Is the Love of Him who rose,
And ever doth victorious rise,
After death on Calvary.

—From *Life and Work.*

Prayer

DEAR Lord and Father of mankind, as we bow before Thee in prayer our hearts rejoice in this glad Easter time.

We realize that one of the fairest reminders of the love of Jesus is this beautiful Easter season, coming as it does after winter when all nature seemed dead. With the resurrection of Nature there comes upon the face of the earth new life and new beauty.

We thank Thee, our Heavenly Father, that it was to Mary Magdalene, who loved so much because so much had been forgiven, that the first glad Easter message was given— ''The Lord is risen indeed.'' We thank Thee that Jesus came back not to life only, but He came back to *live*—to fulfil His promise to live with us. Help us to realize that the spirit of Christ is with us to-day and that when we open our hearts to Him and put ourselves forever in His keeping He actually shares with our spirits His own life, His own vital force, His love, His courage, and everything we need to live the life He wants us to live, and to serve Him as He wants us to serve Him.

Our gracious Heavenly Father, help us to know the power of the resurrection of our Saviour. May it lift us up into loftiness of thought and feeling. May we so live as sincere Christian followers of the Risen Lord, that we may daily feel the indwelling presence of Him who was dead, but is alive forever more, and proclaim not only with our lips but in our lives from day to day, ''The Lord is risen indeed.''

Grant, we beseech Thee, a special blessing upon all our missionaries at this season. May the messages they proclaim of the love, the death, and the resurrection of Christ so touch the hearts of those to whom they minister that many may be born into Thy Kingdom.

This we ask in the name of Him who, living, loved us and who, dying, saved us. Amen.

Still, as of old,
Man by himself is priced.
For thirty pieces Judas sold
Himself, not Christ.—*Hester Cholmondeley.*

Christian Literature Society, Shanghai

THE cry of physical distress and suffering has been heard, and the world is showing its sympathy. . . . The needs of the Chinese people are not solely physical, and it is hoped that Christians the world over will see in this time of acute distress opportunities for religious service that will contribute towards the spiritual enheartening of the war-stricken people. . .

The Christian Literature Society is at present in a difficult situation, and is finding it hard to carry on its special mission of preparing literature based on Christian principles, a work that is probably now needed more than ever before. . . . Fortunately, it is within the power of the Christian Literature Society to make known to the Chinese the thoughts and actions of men and women of all nations who are deeply concerned with China's spiritual and physical welfare; who resent the imputation of lack of interest, and who are anxious to see the triumph of justice and right-dealing in this time of unwarranted use of military power and force.

But this power of enlightenment can only be exercised if funds are available, and at this present time the financial resources of the Christian Literature Society are so low that very little can be attempted. . . .

Under these circumstances it may be suggested, ''Why not suspend the work of the Society for the present?'' As already stated, this does not seem to be the time when such work as ours should be stopped. The very fact of the war is creating, in the minds of many, serious doubts as to the value of Christianity; others are in danger of losing their faith in God and His righteous government; and others need support and encouragement in the most trying of all situations.

The Society at this time may not be able to issue its larger and more permanent works such as are used in colleges or schools, but it ought to be in a position still to give to the reading populace its magazines, smaller tracts and pamphlets carrying messages of hope and comfort to distracted minds. There is a demand just now for reading matter to be distributed amongst the thousands of homeless refugees now in camps and discarded buildings, or amongst the interned Chinese soldiers, and applications have been made to us for such material. The large supplies needed cannot be paid for by those who apply, and needless to say the Society is not in a position to make free grants. . . .

The refugees in Shanghai not only need food, clothing and medical aid, but they are also in dire need of simple instruction in the laws of health, in bodily discipline, in education, and especially in spiritual things.

Some of our staff are at present engaged in doing what they can to help these unfortunate sufferers, and their ministrations are much appreciated. Their work, however, could be enhanced in value if they were also able to command a supply of books and papers to be given to those who are able to read. —From the *Monthly Link*.

A Visit to Happy Mount Leprosy Colony

By Mrs. James Dickson

TAN SU-TI (a teacher from the Theological College) and I plodded on steadily, through the rain and through the mud. The buffalo man (a man whose main occupation is centred around the work his one buffalo can do) stepped along jauntily in front of us, carrying our luggage as if the way was easy and his burden light.

We were on our way to the Happy Mount Leprosy Colony. The students of the College had planned to go, but at the last moment were called to another engagement. So we were on our way to keep their date, so that the lepers would not be disappointed.

We had first to cross the river on what is called a ferry-boat. . . Then we walked along the seashore and across the plain—for one and a half hours. . . Just when I thought my feet were too stone-bruised and tired to do much more, the white cross of the Colony stood out in the distance. (The cross is on the chapel for which our Society gave $5,000). As we drew nearer, we realized that there were people watching and waiting for us. How it cheers one to be welcomed! The long, hard way was forgotten as we were welcomed in by Mrs. Gauld and Miss Gauld and given a cup of hot tea.

Then we went to visit the lepers. . . Long before I had heard that Mrs. Gauld was wont to take her ''clean'' (anything is ''clean'' that is not used by the lepers) camp-stool and go out among the lepers, reading the Bible to them, teaching them to sing hymns, talking to them like a mother, comforting them.

Then we went on a tour through the lepers' cottages, to some where patients lay too ill to rise, who called out to me faintly the Christian greeting of ''Peace unto you''. ''Peace?—to lie there, wasting away day by day with a dreadful disease from which there is no release,—could they then still have peace in their hearts?''

In one cottage, a middle-aged woman with a kindly face was busily plying her needle and looked up only to greet us as we came in. (She declined to come to have her picture taken)—''No, thank you,'' she answered firmly, bending over her work again. ''I want to get this skirt finished by the New Year. It must be done.'' . . . We left her, bent over her sewing, as we went thoughtfully on.

As we passed from one terrace to another, we paused to watch the antics of a lively little monkey which watched us with bright, baleful eyes, the while he chattered angrily his disapproval of our strange white faces. ''The patients were despondent one time,'' Miss

Gauld was telling me, ''and I tried to think of some new way to cheer them up. I found this little monkey in the city and bought it for them. They get so much pleasure out of watching him and playing with him!'' . . .

Up the hill we climbed past all the terraces to a level place where newly constructed, bamboo chicken-yards had been made by the patients for their new project, the raising of poultry. Obviously and pardonably proud of the results of their labours, some young boys came out to show us the details of their poultry yard.

As we came down, we passed an elderly man weeding in a neat vegetable garden. ''He is seventy years old,'' Miss Gauld told me, ''and he was just baptized last Sunday.'' I studied his face unobtrusively, as its strength, patience and a sort of natural wisdom in it impressed me. A young boy came by with his two pails for water swinging from a pole across his shoulders, a winning smile upon his face.

The Chapel, Happy Mount Leprosy Colony, Formosa.

We reached the lower path and a man came toward us, smiling cheerfully in greeting. ''He would not take Communion last Sunday,'' Miss Gauld told me. ''He said he wasn't good enough. He has four little children and he doesn't know whether they have enough to eat while he is here. He told us that his thoughts had not been good enough. How could I come to the Holy Table when my hands are soiled, he said.'' Conscious that his thoughts had been bitter, remorse-ful and he had been unreconciled to the disease that had taken from him the privilege of working to support his family, he had withheld himself from taking Communion with the others. This humble leper, bereft of his family, so keenly conscious of his sin and unworthiness and the holiness of his Saviour,—what a contrast to those who in stoic self-righteousness partake of the Communion lightly!

In the evening Tan Su-ti displayed the slides of the Life of Christ that we had brought along, telling the story of the pictures in the dramatic, compelling way of the Oriental. Then we passed out bright red packages of cakes that he had brought, and the camera-man took one last picture of the patient, tortured faces.

Earlier in the evening a group of about ten young boys had played a piece together with harmonicas. Just as we were about to leave, Mrs. Gauld suggested, ''Let us sing one more song.'' So they gathered and together with Mrs. Gauld and Miss Gauld they sang, ''Jesus Saves!'', singing so earnestly that the tears rose to my eyes. In finding Christ and knowing Christ and His ''unsearchable riches'',—in that way only can these unfortunate people have peace and happiness in this world.

. . . In the quietness of the return trip I had time to think again of the wonder of the origin of the Happy Mount Leprosy Colony and of how God had given to a man courage to make this dream come true.

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Auxiliaries and Mission Bands

MRS. W. J. MUIR, Quebec Provincial Mission Band Secretary, suggests some ways in which Auxiliaries may be of assistance to Mission Bands. ''We must not,'' she says, ''neglect our Mission Bands; they need the personal touch and will actually grow and blossom, if a little attention is given them. Mission Band work is so worth while, and these little ones are the future Church workers, who will be so much needed in years to come.''

Auxiliary members may help the Mission Bands:

1. By showing more personal interest in their meetings.
2. By donations of money to provide material for work meetings.
3. By the presentation of Life or Junior Memberships.
4. By co-operation with Sabbath School teachers, making an occasional check-up to see if the Sabbath School children are members of a Mission Band, and, if not, encouraging them to join.
5. By showing more appreciation of the leaders, many of them busy mothers who can ill afford the time to keep these groups of little ones together.

OUR LETTER BOX

With the Women and Children of Manchuria

Canadian Presbyterian Mission,
Szepingkai, Manchuria.

IF you came to call on us the first thing you would see as you entered our vestibule would be a row of slippers of varying sizes and colours. Being new to this country, you would probably not realize their purpose. But our Szepingkai callers know that it is a gentle hint to please remove their shoes and come into the house in a pair of the slippers.

This is a new custom we have adopted from the Japanese and Koreans, who never wear their street shoes in the house. It is an excellent habit from both a sanitary and economical point of view. Dirt, mud, and snow from the streets do not touch the floors and carpets. Think what a safe place it makes floors for creeping babies! We have become so accustomed to changing shoes now it seems almost criminal to walk into another person's house with shoes on, tracking in filth and dirt.

New Sunday School classes have recently been formed in the local Chinese Church. Before, children and adults were all together, listening to the same speaker. You will agree that that was hardly satisfactory. But a few months ago a new room—not very large, it is true—, but one to be used by youngsters under the age of 13, was made ready. The first Sunday of the new School found the little room packed with four classes, ten children in each, all sitting quietly but expectantly, as four young teachers taught them their lesson. How there could be room for more children was a mystery, but the next Sunday there were five classes! One child in each class was chosen to hold a banner of brightly coloured cloth, while each member wore an arm-band of the same colour as the class's banner.

This new Sunday School group was very busy during December preparing for Christmas. And on Christmas Eve over thirty of them sang Christmas carols at the homes of the Chinese, Korean, and Japanese pastors, as well as here. I feel sure it is the first time singers have gone carolling in Szepingkai.

Christmas day was a busy one at the church. To sit through two hours of entertainment is not unpleasant, but when the time stretches on through three, then four hours, one begins to wonder if the end will ever come. Not only was there the four hour meeting in the morning, but another beginning at five in the afternoon lasting until ten at night. That one I did not attend, but the morning one was very entertaining.

All the children, and a large number of adults too, took part, and each performer was given a small token, usually handkerchiefs for girls and pencils for boys. Many of the children performed by reciting Bible verses. As more and more wanted to recite, the Chinese pastor had several giving their memory passages at the same time.

A group of elderly ladies tried to sing a Christmas hymn. They were completely off tune, but as one of them announced before they started, ''We know we can't sing, but our words are meant to glorify God.''

A few days ago we had a beautiful snow and a brief respite from zero weather, but to-day it has become really cold again, and only the lighter late afternoons bear promise of spring, still several months away.

(Mrs. Charles) Catharine Johnson.

The Ministry of an Evangelist

C. P. Mission, Jhansi, U.P., India.

ONE morning just after we had finished prayers, a village woman arrived at the mission bungalow bringing her little baby for some medicine. She told us the sad news that during the night one of her neighbours had died, leaving a little family of five children, whose ages ranged from four months to ten years. She said they were of the shepherd caste and hence the two older children always leave early in the morning to herd the goats and sheep. The father is employed by the Government to work on the irrigation canal, so he, too, leaves early in the morning and does not return until late evening. Only the three youngest are therefore left at home, a baby four months old, another of two and a half years, and another five years old. The burden of caring for these two babies lies upon the five-year-old. Two days later we went to call at this home to see how they were. We found the wee baby lying on a few dirty rags in a basket (the Indian cradle) and crying lustily. The five-year-old 'mother' came along bringing a little bit of milk and a dirty bit of cloth. She very proudly dipped this dirty rag into the milk and then gave it to the baby to suck, this being the only way she knew to satisfy the baby's hunger. The following day a baby's nursing bottle found its way from the missionary's bungalow into this home, much to the delight of the little five-year-old, who said, ''Now my work of feeding the baby in the middle of the day will be easy.'' We asked, ''Why in the middle of the day?'' and received the reply, ''Oh, in the morning and the evening I just hold the baby under a goat and let her drink her milk that way.'' A maternal uncle of the baby pleaded to be allowed to adopt her but the father refused, believing it to be more in accord with the Hindu religion to allow her to die rather than give her even to her mother's brother for adoption. An aunt of the baby lives next door, but even she is afraid to touch her, lest she bring some evil influence upon her. All the Hindu neighbours, because of their fear of evil spirits which are everywhere round about them, are frightened to touch the baby and simply leave it to lie and cry or be cared for by the five-year-old. Two weeks after our first call we called again and found that the baby had never been bathed since the mother's death. She had been left lying on a pile of dirty rags until her little body was all raw and sore. We have done all that we can humanly do for her, but we know that our Father in heaven hears our prayers on her behalf. Pray with us that God will move the heart of this father so that the baby will be put in a Christian home.

One morning after breakfast and morning prayers we gathered together our books and tracts and prepared to visit a nearby village. We wished to visit a shepherd's home there, but were not sure just where the house was. As we neared the village we met two women coming with their water-pots, so we asked— ''May we go with you to your home? We will sing for you and bring you a message from God's Word.'' They had, however, recognized us and so very gladly gave us the invitation we desired. We learned that one of the women was the daughter from the home which we wished to visit and we were grateful to God for thus leading us to the very home where we wished to go. We found our old friend very ill, but, oh, so pleased to see us! ''Do sit down and read to me; I love your Saviour; He is mine, too; for I do not worship idols any more; my trust is in Him,'' was her greeting as we entered, and what a joy it was for us to sit down and give her a message from His Word! Finding out that her husband was the *mukhya* or chief of the shepherd group of Baragoan, we told him all about the baby whose story we have just related and asked him to use his influence to save the child. However, when last we saw the baby it was almost starved to death. The father will listen to no one.

I must tell you a very sad incident regarding a young woman from a distant village. When about to become a mother she became very ill with dysentery and was taken to the Government hospital eighteen miles from Jhansi. As there were only men doctors in charge, she could not stay there for her confinement and, being very poor, she started to walk to Jhansi. However, on reaching Baragoan, which is eight miles from Jhansi, she found she could go no further. Finally permission was given for her to lie on the verandah of one of the village homes and there her child was born. Since they were strangers and none of their caste lived in that village, no one would help them, but after a time some one remembered that the Christians have no caste and are always willing to help, so two young Brahmin men rushed on bicycles to our bungalow. I am sorry to say both the nurse and I had gone to Jhansi. On our return about 6 o'clock in the evening the servants told us of the call for help. So we went immediately to the village, where we found a large crowd gathered about the verandah, on which was an old bed with a ragged blanket draped about it. The poor husband told us that he feared his wife had died in the early part of the day, but since a dead body is considered unclean no one would go near to see whether the woman was dead or alive. As soon as we lifted the blanket, we saw that the woman had died several hours before, evidently in great agony, leaving a nice little baby boy. The father pleaded with us to help him by taking the baby, saying he was willing to give him entirely to us. He no sooner made this offer, however, than an Arya Samajist spoke up and said, ''No, do not let the Christians have him'', and proceeded to threaten the father with many evils, should he give his child to the Christians. Some old friends pleaded with the father to give the baby to the missionary and finally he agreed to leave him with us until he could dispose of his wife's dead body. This was not a very easy matter, as they were too poor to buy wood and no one was ready to help. The chief of police was away. When he returned about ten o'clock at night he advised throwing the body into the river, ordering some of the outcastes to help. We went out and met the funeral procession and took the father and his little two-year-old daughter back to the bungalow with us. Next morning the father again desired to give the baby to us, but remembering the threats, he decided to go home to his village twenty miles away with his two-year-old daughter, saying he would return for the baby, which he did on the fourth day, bringing his ten-year-old son and a basket. The baby was to ride home in the basket on the head of this boy. The sun was very hot and, as we did not like to see the baby exposed to it for such a long time, we decided to take them as far as we could in the car and go with them the remaining four miles, just to see what kind of home the baby would have. Upon our arrival some of the villagers tried to persuade the relatives to give us the baby, but the father again remembered the threats and said, ''No, better let it die than give it to the Christians.'' Our hearts were very heavy as we could see that the baby would have very little care, but, after witnessing for our Lord, we walked back the four miles to our car, having failed in an attempt to hire an ox-cart. About three weeks later we heard that the baby had passed away.

One morning I heard someone calling me. When I went out a man from a nearby village greeted me, saying, ''I heard you had returned from your holidays and I want you to come and preach in my house, I have not forgotten your message of love that you gave when you were there before.'' My heart sang for joy. I have been ten years in India and this was the first time anyone had actually come to plead with us that we might come and preach the Gospel. Oh yes, they have come for medicine, etc., and then said, ''Come to our home'', but this man said, ''I want nothing, only to hear more about the Christ.'' A few days later we visited his village and were sorry to find our friend away, though we found many others who were eager to listen to the great invitation, ''Come unto me and I will give you rest.'' One young man seemed especially interested, asking ''Can Jesus really cleanse me from my sin?'' We spent considerable time witnessing to him and left him with a Gospel portion, since he could read a little. We pray that as he reads he may accept Christ as his Saviour and Father. We will soon visit this village again and hope to have the joy of seeing him and our other friend again. *—A. L. Whatling.*

Well Filled Days at Birtle

Birtle Indian School, Birtle, Man.

WE all live a very busy life here, and the weeks seem like a day, they pass so quickly. We had a very happy Valentine party for the children. The little ones came up to the assembly hall first, had their games, and then later on the big boys and girls came, had their games, then the postman came in with his box full of valentines, and had his workers hand them out to the audience. The children made many of them, and their delight was pleasant to see, especially that of the little ones, as they came running to show them. Each one got a treat, and then off to bed by ten o'clock. Some gave their valentines to me to keep, others sent them home.

Since writing last, we got the Mission Band started. Miss Bruce, one of the staff, helps me. We have fifty of the smaller children, boys and girls, meeting every second Monday after four o'clock. They march from the school to the chapel, so all are on time. We are taking up the study book, *God's Children.* They do enjoy the stories and remember them.

I also have each Friday evening a class in basketry. You will wonder to hear of teaching Indians basketry. With some, basketry is becoming a lost art. I notice when teaching that they do not know anything about it. I hope to teach some of the big girls hardanger. Mrs. Lockhart would like to send their work to the Brandon fair in the fall. We are finding it difficult to get all the material for it so far.

We have our Auxiliary meeting held here in the Residence each month. Some of the women of the town come up. There is not a Presbyterian Church in Birtle. All services are held in the chapel of the school.

—Margaret Robertson.

On Miss Grigor's Field

Prestville, Alberta.

IN Prestville our Sunday School has averaged fifteen, which is fairly good, considering we now hold Sunday School and service every Sunday morning instead of on alternate Sunday afternoons. The weather has been cold, 30 and 35 degrees below zero, and the little ones cannot come out. We have got into a more regular routine in regard to the lesson and memory work and I hope there will be greater results this year. We found it hard to hold the boys. Now we have a boys' class which I teach and they are quite interested. We have some great discussions on the lesson.

Attendance at church service has been disappointing—average eighteen; but there has been sickness and some live quite a distance away. The older girls form the choir, which is much appreciated. As there were quite a number of young men, we started a Young People's Society on Sunday evening. Eighteen are enrolled and they attend regularly. I am using the lantern once a month. In January we showed the Parables of Our Lord and next Sunday will show slides on the Life of Christ. Our studies have been on the lives of Dr. Grenfell, Robert Raikes and Dr. Matheson, author of the hymn ''O Love that wilt not let me go''. Now I have started a definite study on ''How we got our Bible''. They love to sing, so some time is spent on favourite hymns and learning new ones.

Mission Band has averaged eighteen. In the cold weather the children who live a distance away are driven back and forth to school by their fathers and cannot wait. However, they will soon be able to. A few weeks ago I visited the homes of some of these children (Ukrainian). Knowing the parents in one home could not speak English, I waited for the children after school and took them with me. . . . These four children walk four miles to school and four back, and hardly ever miss. They wait for Mission Band, but do not come to Sunday School. I had given this family some clothing two years ago; lately the older boy brought in two big loads of wood for the church. In the next home there are eight children, parents and grandmother. The visit seems to mean much to them and the little ones do enjoy the Sunday School papers and cards. . . .

Our Girls' Guild meets in the manse alternate Tuesdays, eight girls. Part of the time is given to practice, as they are our choir. ''Since 1761'' is our study and while they sew on their quilt we read ''Spirit Fire'' which they enjoy very much.

More interest has been taken in our Women's Association since the beginning of the year. Our average attendance has been nine. We have taken as our study ''Dr. Goforth'', and I do pray they will catch the vision and inspiration of those two great missionaries. Their aim financially is to help clear off the church debt.

Silverwood. Since the New Year our average attendance has just been eight. I will continue services for a while; then, if attendance does not warrant my going, I will go elsewhere. . . Our Mission Band averages eighteen and seems very much worth while.

Royal Winner. At my other point on this side the attendance has been small, too, but this has been caused by weather and sickness. One afternoon I went, hardly expecting anyone, but met a little lad six years old. He had walked three miles to the school and was on his way home—no one was there. He came back with me and there we found Doris. Her family were sick, but she came herself—walked two miles—and we had a happy time together. . . It is fine to have large numbers, but perhaps one can do better work among the ones and twos.

Our Mission Band here is splendid; we usually have full attendance—twelve—and it is a joy to hear them answer the questions, learn new hymns and sing the old ones.

On the Wanham side I have been going to the various Mission Bands once a month—Belloy, Heart Valley, Westvale and Wanham. Last week I had the opportunity of going by car to Heart Valley Wednesday evening and coming back Friday morning. On Thursday I set out visiting on foot. However, at the first home the good man of the house offered to drive me around, so I had the opportunity of visiting quite a few homes before Mission Band. . . There have been several cases of serious illness and I was glad to be able to visit them. In the home where I had lunch, the two little girls, two and four years, wanted to come to Mission Band but the roads were too wet.

—*Margaret Grigor.*

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Publications Department

BY MARGARET NESS

AN April Easter! Spring and budding flowers! It is a lovely time of year.

For those Auxiliaries who have not yet ordered their Easter Thank-offering envelopes, a reminder. The envelopes are 35c. for 100, 9c. for 25.

Two new books are now in stock: Redwood's newest, **An Handful With Quietness** (35c.), of which our reviewer says, ''The uniform length of the little sermons—just one page—the homely illustrations, the spiritual tone, the freshness of outlook, should make it helpful to the hurried reader or to the invalid. The material is very accessible and would help in the preparation of papers for a meeting when a pithy example is wanted to drive a point home''. **Christ and Human Needs,** by C. F. Andrews, (35c.). Another reviewer says: ''It covers a wide field and, therefore, of necessity, jumps quickly from one phase to another. It presents the drama of the Church through all the years, its problems and how they have been met.''

We are still having a number of requests for **One Hundred and One Hymn Stories** (75c.). In selecting hymns for meetings, the president can supplement with the story of how these hymns came to be written. **Facing Life** (30c.), in which 'everyone's vocation' is shown as that of facing up to the problems of life in a Christian manner, and **What is a**

Living Church (30c.) are highly recommended. May we draw to the attention of those interested in the Goforth books the fact that the 35c. edition of **Miracle Lives of China** is now out of print. We still have a few 75c. copies left. **By My Spirit** is still obtainable at 35c. **Goforth of China** ($2.25) should be in every Auxiliary library.

Another shipment from England of Cameron books still permits us to sell at $1.00 each the following, **Red Rowans, Stories of the Doctor, Street of the Spinners, Gillian Munro, From a Cottage in Pennycock Lane.**

God's Children, the Mission Band study book for 1937-38, is now out of print. Any new bands are asked to use a little booklet, **They Love Him Too,** (15c.), based on the same picture, and then start in the fall with the new study book which will be ready for distribution in June.

It has been brought to our attention that the two weeks suggested as the time limit on the loan of our packets (ones ready are British Guiana, Hospital work in Canada, Our Work among Canadian Indians, The Bhil Field, Our School Residences in Canada) does not allow sufficient time for the women in the West. The two weeks' limit was not intended to cover mailing time; rather the two weeks was intended for the actual time in using the material. The packets are loaned for 15c. each and requests should be sent direct to the W.M.S. Publications, Room 700, 372 Bay St., Toronto, not to the Literature Secretaries.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Provincial Societies:

British Columbia.—April 12, 13, 14.
Manitoba.—Wednesday and Thursday, May 4, 5.
Ontario.—Galt, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, April 26, 27, 28.
Quebec.—Montreal, April 19.

Auxiliary Page

THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

By Miss Elsie Mathieson

EVERY field reports matter for thanksgiving—new churches opened in the west and overseas, a new hospital at Rocky Mountain House, new schools in British Guiana and old buildings enlarged and renewed; the rise of a vigorous spiritual life in many of the younger Churches; a greater emphasis everywhere on evangelism and a warmer response to the evangel; a heartening sense of the reality of a world-wide Christian fellowship; the new co-operation among the workers of the different missions to the Bhils, resulting in the formation of the Bhil Work Council; the number of spiritual leaders raised up in China for her time of crisis; the removal of the veil that has hung over the face of womanhood, reflected in the part young women are taking in the Christian Youth Movement of Formosa, in the Formosa Ministers' Wives Association and Conferences, and in the education of girls in British Guiana; the devotion of our missionaries and the calibre of the young women offering themselves for training here and on the fields.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment-seat:
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.

Let us give thanks for new churches opened at home and abroad, for the Hospital at Rocky Mountain House, and for the schools of British Guiana. Let us pray that, as they were made possible by faith and sacrifice, they and all our institutions may continue to be centres of Christian light and love.

(*Glad Tidings,* November, 1937: 393, 403, 412; January, 1938: 2, 3.)

Let us give thanks for the rise of spiritual life in the Churches of Formosa. Let us pray for the success of the Three Year Movement, that by prayer, Bible study, and service the whole Church life may be quickened, the homes become centres of Christian nurture, and workers in the Church may be thoroughly trained.

(*Glad Tidings,* October, 1937: 359-361, 369-371; November, 1937: 404-409.)

Let us give thanks for the co-operation of workers in the Bhil Work Council and for the helpfulness of members of other missions in India to Mr. Lowther; and let us pray that all may be guided in all things by the Holy Spirit that that part of India entrusted to our Church may soon be evangelized and that those who believe may be faithfully shepherded.

(*Glad Tidings,* October, 1936: 332; December, 1937: 452-456; March, 1938: 95-97.)

Let us give thanks for the Holy Catholic Church and for a growing consciousness of its unity. Let us pray that this sense of fellowship may be a source of strength to us all, and especially to the Christians of those lands where the authority of the state presses hard upon the Church. Let us pray that the Christians of Manchuria, Korea, and Japan may be faithful in worship and witness and the teaching of their children.

(*Glad Tidings,* January, 1938: 5-8; July-August, 1937: 286-288; February, 1938: 64-67; March, 1938: 91-92.)

Let us give thanks for spiritual leaders raised up in China for this time of need, for the Christian Literature Society, and for the spread of the Gospel by radio. Let us pray for the Church of Christ in China, for all Christian leaders in Church and State, and for all who suffer the cruelties of war.

(*Glad Tidings,* October, 1937: 348; April, 1937: 142-144; May, 1937: 183-187; March, 1938: 100-102; 109-110.)

Let us give thanks for all that Christ has done for womanhood; for all through whose labours the veil is being rent. Let us pray that this released power may be linked to the progress of the Gospel, remembering especially the women and girls of our younger Churches.

(*Glad Tidings,* December, 1937: 450; July-August, 1937: 261-263; 278, 279.)

Let us give thanks for the devotion of our missionaries and deaconesses, and for the young women offering for service. Let us give thanks, above all, for Jesus Christ, for all He wants us to be and all He is willing to enable us to do, and let us pray that nothing in us may delay His triumph.

(*Glad Tidings,* December, 1937: 448, 449; July-August, 1937: 263, 264.)

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. John D. Holman, *Secretary*

WORSHIP SERVICE

I am He that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore.

Hymn—192.
Scripture—St. Luke 24: 33-48.
Message—"He showed them His Hands and His Feet".
Prayer.
Hymn—214.

He Showed Them His Hands and His Feet

There was a great stir in the Upper Room. Suddenly a great silence fell upon them all, for Some One was standing in the midst. Some One had come unannounced, the doors being shut—Some One upon whom every eye was fixed. For they knew Him, though He gave Himself no name. Yet how could it be? They had last seen Him hanging by His hands and His feet in agony upon a Cross. Yet He was here! And He spoke to them—''Why are ye troubled?'' How they must have remembered His parting words, ''Let not your heart be troubled!'' And ''He showed them His hands and His feet.''

He had shown them many things in His earthly ministry. They had seen His hands and His feet. Those hands that did such good; they had seen them laid in blessing on the little children; they had seen them touch the unclean leper; they had seen them stretched out to save poor sinking Peter. Those feet they had seen as they toiled along the dusty way; they had seen them washed with tears and kissed by penitent lips. They had marked His footsteps as He led the way to Jerusalem to die.

But it was not those He showed them now. It was hands and feet with the nail-prints of Calvary to which He directed the gaze of those troubled men: ''Behold My hands and My feet!'' And it was the wounds they saw that turned their sorrow into joy. It was hands and feet the like of which were never seen before that brought peace to the troubled hearts. For they were the hands and feet that spoke of One who had died for them. It is so to-day. He points us to His wounds, saying, ''Behold My hands and My feet!''

They saw His hands and His feet, and they were filled with joy. For while the hands and feet which they saw bore on them the marks of death, yet they were not dead hands nor dead feet: they throbbed with resurrection life. Hands strong to deliver, able to save to the uttermost, because they ever live. Feet swift to run to the aid of the sorely pressed believer, for they throb with eternal life from the dead.

''He showed them His hands and His feet.'' Blessed hands! Blessed feet! Blessed Risen Lord, their possessor, pledged by the wounds that mark them to use their strength and swiftness in every time of need, to succour His own for whose sake they were pierced. —*The Witness.*

We Thank Thee

We thank Thee, Lord, for loveliness,
For gold-etched clouds in sunset glow,
For azure skies, for crystal lakes,
For lofty mountains heaped with snow.

For harmony of quiet hearts,
For rhythmic strains replete with words,
For melodies where silence is,
For trilling song from throat of birds.

We thank Thee, Lord, for endless faith,
For all the blessings that we know,
For vision to look unto the hills,
For grace to dwell in vales below.

—From *The Presbyterian Survey.*

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. John Kelman, *Secretary*

SHEEP AND LAMBS

All in the April evening
April airs were abroad;
The sheep with their little lambs
Passed me by on the road.

The sheep with their little lambs
Passed me by on the road;
All in the April evening
I thought on the Lamb of God.

The lambs were weary, and crying
With a weak, human cry;
I thought on the Lamb of God
Going meekly to die.

Up in the blue, blue mountains
Dewy pastures are sweet;
Rest for the little bodies,
Rest for the little feet.

But for the Lamb of God
Up on the hill-top green,
Only a Cross of shame
Two stark crosses between.

All in the April evening
April airs were abroad;
I saw the sheep with their lambs
And thought on the Lamb of God.

—*Katherine Tynan.*

Dear Leaders and Girls:

Again we welcome the return of spring; flowers are springing from the bare earth; robins are singing their cheery songs from the branches of trees, where new buds and leaves are thrusting forth into life. Everywhere there seems to be a renewal of hope, and we look forward, not back. During the winter months have we not often spoken of last summer, our adventures in camp, our holidays by mountain and lake? Now we are anticipating the promise that comes with spring of fine days and new adventures; our blood stirs in our veins and we long to be ''off on the old trail, the trail that is ever new''.

Easter brings us, too, the message of hope, of rejoicing after sorrow, of triumph after despair. Gethsemane and Calvary are two words associated with bitterness, defeat and death, with blasted hopes and a life's work laid in ruins, a vain sacrifice and burial of human faith. One word renews our hope and turns our eyes from the dead past to the living future—RESURRECTION. ''He is not here, He is risen!''

MISSION BANDS

Mrs. A. R. Riddell, *Secretary*

KIM KUM BUN

MY name is Kim Kum Bun. ''Kim'' means ''gold'', and ''Kum Bun'' means ''golden flour''. I was born in Korea, but when I was seven years old I came to Japan with my parents and brothers, to live in the great city of Nagoya. As my parents were very poor, we lived in a little house with two rooms in a little alley, surrounded by many other people. As soon as I was old enough, I went to work in a factory to earn a little money. I had to go early in the morning and work until night, and, oh, how tired I sometimes became! One day a visitor from the western world came to our factory. Her face and clothes were different, but, as she talked to us in our language about a wonderful person called Jesus, something about her face made us want to listen. I wanted to hear more, but as the days passed and she did not come to the factory again I forgot all about it.

Then an unexpected thing happened. My cousin came to our house and said: ''I have been working in a foreigner's home, but I must leave. I wonder, Kim Kum Bun, if you would take my place.'' I was frightened. I had never been in a foreigner's home, and I knew it would be very different from my little home. But I decided to try. Then what a different life I had! The house was big, but I learned to keep it clean, and it was interesting learning to cook the food the foreigners ate. But, besides all this, I learned something which made me very happy, and changed my life. Each Wednesday and Saturday evening and again on Sunday I went with the two foreign ladies to a house which they called a ''church''. There I found that many of my Korean people met regularly. They sang hymns, prayed, and listened to stories about that same wonderful person, Jesus, of whom I had heard in the factory. I knew now that the foreigners were missionaries, who had come to tell this story to my people. Gradually I began to understand that Jesus was the Saviour of the world. Every week when I went home to visit my parents I told them these stories. My father listened and said nothing, but one night my mother and brother went to church with me. They continued to go, and soon they, too, believed in Jesus.

I spent almost two happy years with the missionaries, and then they had to leave Nagoya. My great desire was to go to Korea to study in the Bible School, but for this I needed money. I prayed earnestly about it, and I was overjoyed when my brother said one day that he would supply most of the money. The missionary gave the rest. I was accepted for the Primary Bible School, and went off happily to Korea. How I enjoyed those three years' study! Now I am in the Higher Bible School, and when I graduate I will become a real Biblewoman, able to go about telling others the wonderful story of Jesus and His love.

—Mary E. Anderson.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. C. E. JAMIESON, 1610 12TH AVE., W., CALGARY, PRESS SECRETARY

EDMONTON P.S.—A very enthusiastic meeting of First Church Auxiliary, Edmonton, was held February 16th, Mrs. James Adam presiding. The supreme desire of each member is to do her part in sending the Gospel to those who have it not. A Life Membership Certificate was presented to Mrs. A. A. McNab, a legacy from her mother-in-law, a faithful worker in the Women's Missionary Society, Mrs. Ross Cameron making the presentation. The new study book was introduced by Mrs. R. H. MacMicking, Convener of the Committee appointed to arrange for Auxiliary meetings.

It has been a great pleasure to the Edmonton ladies to meet Miss Evans, formerly nurse at Dixonville, who is now taking post-graduate work in nursing at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton.

Calgary P.S.—The Calgary Presbyterial annual meeting was held in Knox Church, Calgary, on February 15th and 16th with a record attendance. The prayer service on Tuesday evening was a fitting preparation for the Wednesday meetings. As in other years, every field and branch of the work was remembered in prayer, one member speaking of the work and another offering prayer for the workers by name. In all, twenty-six members took part, with Mrs. C. Bearisto as leader. The morning devotions were in charge of the North Hill Auxiliary, and the afternoon of Grace Auxiliary. Reports were presented, those of the nine Auxiliaries by their Presidents, and various phases of the work discussed. The outstanding report was easily that of the Mission Band, though all departments showed progress and interest. Mrs. T. Rodger, retiring President, after commenting on the encouraging points in the year's work, which included the allocation oversubscribed, gave a message stressing the spiritual foundation necessary for all our efforts. The guest speaker, Miss Garrison, of Calgary, on furlough from Northern Nigeria, gave a most inspiring interpretation of Christian life and experience, using illustrations from her work in Africa, speaking at both afternoon and evening sessions. Resolutions were presented regarding our collective and individual responsibility for radio broadcasted programmes, the books and magazines available to our young people in the home, and the attempt to restrict the sale of the Bibles by colporteurs in an eastern province. Mrs. R. L. Freeman spoke particularly of the latter, pointing out that our members should be informed on these matters and alive to their responsibilities. The evening session, following a banquet provided by the city Auxiliaries, was in charge of the Young Women's groups, and the reports presented indicated competent and enthusiastic leadership in C.G.I.T. groups, the Y.W. Auxiliaries and the new Fellowship. A message in song, ''Nothing but Leaves'', was given by Mrs. F. H. Trevelyan. During all sessions, Mrs. Shearer, at the organ, did much to create an atmosphere of worship and fellowship.

Grace Church Auxiliary in its programme for 1938 bases the study on conditions and movements affecting Christian work in the various countries, including Canada. Mrs. A. M. Scott, in February, traced most vividly the background of Japanese thought and life, concluding with a forceful challenge to Western Christians to give to Japan the things she needs,—a God who loves, a Christ who saves, and a Power that transforms broken lives.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. W. J. SMITH, BOX 138, ARMSTRONG, PRESS SECRETARY

THE Provincial annual meeting will be held on April 12th, 13th and 14th. It has also been decided to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the formation of the first Mission Band in New Westminster, which later became the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church.

Westminster P.S.—The Auxiliary of St. Aidan's, New Westminster, reports a successful year with addresses by outside speakers, including Miss Ellen Douglas, of the Bhil field, India, Mrs. Ledingham, of Vancouver, who showed lantern slides illustrating Miss Grigor's work in the Peace River country, and Rev. T. Roulston, and papers on mission work at home or overseas by the members. Interest has been well sustained. The Auxiliary is small, but members are rarely absent.

At the twenty-fourth annual meeting of Westminster Presbyterial in Fairview Church, Vancouver, on February 8th, all reports were most satisfactory, especially those of young women's and girls' groups and the Mission Bands. The speakers were Mrs. D. A. Fowlie, the President, and Miss Lamont, Field Secretary. The latter spoke on ''Changing Times'', God alone being unchanging, ''the same yesterday, to-day and forever''. Miss Lamont pointed out how readily children respond to a story which may be woven around a Scripture truth. Stress was laid upon the need of workers among those who, driven from the dried-out prairie areas, have trekked north to the Peace River, to begin life again with nothing. After dinner speeches took the form of greetings: Rev. D. A. Smith speaking for Synod; Dr. W. A. Cameron for Presbytery; Mrs. R. M. Thomson for the Provincial Society; Mr. Colin Milne for the Young People's Societies; while Rev. Walter Ellis welcomed the delegates to Fairview Church. Suggested changes in the by-laws were discussed at some length, the feeling of the meeting to be reported to the Provincial Board. In the closing words Mrs. Currie Creelman stressed the responsibilities that our privileges have laid upon us. Mrs. R. M. Thomson installed the officers. Almost every Auxiliary was represented, many taking part in the programme.

To the February meeting of the Mission Band Leaders' Council of Vancouver, at the home of Miss McQueen, the presidents and key women were invited. Miss Lamont was the guest of the evening. Each leader had been asked to submit the highlight in her Band's work or some difficulty confronting her. In this connection, Miss Lamont offered many helpful suggestions from her wide experience. The general opinion was that the new Leaders' Corner would prove a great help in supplying material in addition to the study book and Church magazines. The Council is very fortunate in having both the Provincial and Presbyterial Mission Band Secretaries as members.

Victoria P.S.—The Gorge and Erskine Auxiliary members, pleased with the hospital supplies bought for the supply allocation, requested that more be bought, the members to share the expense instead of contributing individually. Mrs. Allott, formerly of Calgary but now President of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Victoria, spoke on work in Alberta. Her first-hand information was most interesting, and her vivid description of the Residences, the children, the hospitals, etc., brought work, dear to all, much nearer. Members and visitors received a clearer idea of the W.M.S. work in Alberta. This Auxiliary is a happy group of women meeting alternately in the two churches.

During 1937 all the members of Knox Auxiliary, Victoria, were Life members. With an increased membership at the beginning of 1938, they hope to again have a full membership of Life members.

MANITOBA

MRS. GEORGE REYNOLDS, 218 YOUNG ST., WINNIPEG, PRESS SECRETARY

WINNIPEG P.S.—The annual meeting of Winnipeg Presbyterial was held in First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, on February 23 and 24. Mrs. H. H. Dunwoody presided. Greetings were brought from the United, Baptist and Anglican Churches, the Church of Christ, the Provincial Society, and Superior and Brandon Presbyterials. In her address the President mentioned an increase in givings and pleaded for leaders for the teen-age groups. Reports of the various departments showed progress in the year's work. Miss Susie Kelsey, a missionary of the Anglican Church, from Honan, China, gave an address. She compared the status of the Chinese women in previous centuries with the freedom now enjoyed, and their part in the social, political, and economical life of their country. The greatest benefit which they now enjoy is the freedom of their souls; they find satisfaction in true religion. Rev. W. J. Allan, of Brandon, spoke at the evening meeting on the text, ''Lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes''. We should not be content with our present boundaries, he said, but endeavour to seek new territory, widen the scope of our work, and try to enlist the services of more men and women in this great work of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Miss H. Macdonald gave a short address on her work as a deaconess in the Red Deer district, Alberta, and on the pioneer work of Miss Matthews, and its far-reaching results. Miss Isobel Alexander spoke on Girls' Work. She referred to the avenues of employment open to girls and the new scheme of domestic employment, arranged by the Y.W.C.A. to assist the girls. Choruses by the Mission Bands of Norwood and St. James Churches were much enjoyed. Iris McLeod, of the Selkirk Mission Band, was presented with a Junior Certificate and pin, the gift of Mrs. Leslie, Brandon. Members of Presbytery, delegates, and friends were entertained at supper. Mrs. H. H. Dunwoody was re-elected President. The closing words were given by Mrs. George Reynolds, ''We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Thy House''.

ONTARIO

MISS E. MACBETH, 206 HAVELOCK STREET, TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

Provincial Annual Meeting.—Knox's Church, Galt, April 26, 27, 28.

Railway Information.—Going tickets and certificates will be issued April 21st to April 27th (inclusive); validated certificates will be honoured for tickets for the return journey up to and including May 2nd. Special agent will be present on April 27th to validate certificates. Board members (including Presbyterial Presidents) wishing railway tickets in advance must communicate with the Treasurer, Mrs. C. H.

Thorburn, 209 Daly Avenue, Ottawa, not later than April 15th. Requests for billets must be sent by April 1st to Miss Mary Oliver, 45 James Avenue, Galt.

Notice to Presbyterial Treasurers.—In future, please send remittances for the Special Retiring Fund for Missionaries to Mrs. V. A. Smith, 211 Dunvegan Road, Toronto.

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''When the Easter message touches the hearts of men, the missionary activities of the Christian Church will cease to suffer from starvation.''

At the 24th annual meeting of Stratford Presbyterial in Knox Church, Stratford, Mrs. H. C. McKellar, Hamilton, gave an address and installed the officers. Reports showed progress, an increase in givings over last year, and five Honorary Membership certificates presented. The Mission Band award for membership increase, attendance, average givings and written reports went to the Wilson Grant Band, Knox Church, St. Mary's. The President, Miss J. McGrigor, referred to the loss of Mrs. J. M. Empey, Mitchell, and other beloved members, and a moment of silent prayer was observed in their memory. Miss M. B. Tier based her closing message on the text, ''Forgetting those things which are behind and pressing forward.''

The Fergusson Mission Band, Knox Church, West Monkton, celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary, Miss Jean McClory presiding. Miss J. Carruthers gave a history of the Mission Band. Miss M. B. Tier and Mrs. A. McKenzie, Stratford, Mrs. G. Brown, the Mission Band's first President, Mrs. James Erskine, Presbyterial Mission Band Secretary, and Rev. J. K. West spoke briefly. Greetings were received from many former members and musical numbers were contributed by the children. Miss J. M. Machan, Mitchell, gave $25 in memory of her sister, Mrs. Margaret Machan Empey. The Y.W. served refreshments.

Progress in Senior and Young Women's Auxiliaries, Girls' groups and Mission Bands was reported at the 24th annual meeting of Hamilton Presbyterial in Erskine Church, Hamilton, presided over by Miss Blanche Armstrong. The Treasurer reported a substantial increase over last year; the Y.W. Auxiliaries showed the largest increase. A memorial service for Mrs. J. A. Locheed, late Honorary President, and other members was conducted by Mrs. H. C. McKellar. Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, Jobat, showed views of the Bhil Field, and told an intimate story of the work at the mission hospital and of the progress in education which is helping the people to overcome their superstitions. Dr. Jessie MacBean spoke of the forces at work in China during the last 40 years, tracing in particular the development of the revolution through the efforts of Sun Yat Sen. An In Memoriam Certificate was presented to Mrs. Robert Moynan in memory of her father, Dr. Goforth. To Erskine Auxiliary, Hamilton, Rev. R. J. Wilson gave an address on

''The Cross of Christ and its Significance to His World Empire'', quoting the text, ''I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me.'' An Honorary Membership certificate was presented to Mrs. A. E. Soutar, mother of the beloved missionary, Miss Mildred Soutar, and three seals were added to the Junior certificate of Miss Grace Leitch.

Arthur Circle Auxiliary, Knox Church, Goderich, Huron Presbyterial, reports great enthusiasm aroused by a contest for attendance. The members were divided into four groups for ''A Trip Across Canada'', each group selecting a car in which they planned to travel from Halifax to Vancouver. At the meetings a map showed where each car was. Credits were given as follows: 10 miles for attendance of member, 10 miles when her fee was paid, 5 miles for a visitor, 25 for a new member, and 100 when the group provided the programme for a meeting. As they travelled through different places items of interest to our W.M.S. were studied. The gain in attendance was remarkable and many visitors were present. The losing groups provided the two winning groups with a Christmas party. ''Drilling for Missions'' is the new contest introduced. Any Auxiliary may obtain information regarding these contests from Miss G. Haist, Knox Church, Goderich.

The annual meeting of Guelph Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, Guelph, Mrs. W. P. Gamble presiding. Mrs. M. B. Davidson, Galt, brought in a resolution of sympathy to the family of the late Dr. A. J. MacGillivray and the congregation of Knox Church, Guelph. The Treasurer made the cheering announcement that the allocation had been exceeded. Mrs. J. A. Hilts and Mrs. John Williams of the Provincial Board were present, Mrs. Hilts being the guest speaker.

Strathroy Girls' Coronation Group, Miss Dorothy Stacey leader, report a well attended open meeting, at which Miss Jean Mitchell spoke on ''The Life and Work of Dr. Jessie MacBean''; and a Valentine supper and sale at the home of Mrs. C. H. MacDougall.

Members and friends numbering 175 attended the annual supper meeting of Orillia Auxiliary, Barrie Presbyterial. Miss Jessie Carson related in a most interesting manner the difficulties experienced by missionaries in presenting the Gospel story to the people of India. The allocation of $900 was accepted by the Auxiliary.

At the annual meeting of London Presbyterial in Chalmers Church, London, Mrs. J. M. Dickson was re-elected President. India, the land of purdah, illiteracy and unbelievable superstition, was vividly pictured by Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, Reg.N., on furlough from Jobat. ''Veiled faces and high stone walls are some of the restrictions placed on the women, which will be gradually broken down, though it may take many a day.'' Rev. C. Steinmetz, Hungarian missionary, Toronto, warned that Christianity must gather its forces and present a united front immediately against Communism. Attention should be given to literature in other languages being circulated among new Canadians. There is danger also from within in indifference, the shirking of personal responsibility. Mrs. J. D. Holman, Young Women's Secretary, conducted the election and installed the officers. Rev. James MacKay, D.D., Moderator, brought greetings from the Presbytery.

Toronto Presbyterial annual meeting held in Calvin Church was marked by a large attendance, inspiring devotional periods, informative addresses, encouraging reports, and helpful discussion. The special speakers were Dr. Jessie MacBean, Dr. Effie Winchester, Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, Mrs. A. C. Stewart, Miss Violet Tennant, and Dr. Stuart Parker. Greetings from the Council were brought by Mrs. W. A. McLennan, from the Presbytery by Rev. J. Wasson, and from the Provincial Society by Mrs. J. A. Hilts, who installed the officers. Mrs. A. C. Stewart, in her presidential address, ''Speak to the children of Israel that they go forward'', said, ''As we look over last year's achievements, are we perfectly satisfied—so much so, that this year we will go on in exactly the same way? Women, I think the time has come when we need a tonic to give us more pep and enthusiasm. We are not progressing as we should; we are barely holding our own, when we should be lengthening the cords and strengthening the stakes. We shall never take our share of responsibility in the evangelization of the world, unless there is advance. The Presbyterian Church and the women of the Presbyterian Church have undertaken a definite part of the world to evangelize. If we fail, these people will not have the message of Christ and His Love made known to them. Surely the time has come 'to go forward'.'' On behalf of the Executive, Mrs. D. Hendry presented a beautiful hand bag to Mrs. Stewart as a token of love and appreciation for her years of valuable service in the Presbyterial. Mrs. J. Hill, Mission Band Secretary, was elected President.

QUEBEC

MRS. C. RITCHIE BELL, 251 OUTREMONT AVE., OUTREMONT, PRESS SECRETARY

RESOLUTION in memory of Mrs. A. W. Lamb, passed by the Quebec Provincial Board of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, February 15th, 1938.

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God, in His unerring wisdom, to take unto Himself our fellow member, Mrs. A. W. Lamb, our beloved first vice-president, we, the members of the Quebec Provincial Board of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, desire to place on record our sorrow in her death and our grateful remembrance of her life and labours, which it was our joy to share.

For many years Mrs. Lamb has been an inspiration to us all, and to her deep spiritual life, her wise guidance, and her executive ability much of the success of Knox Crescent Auxiliary and the Montreal Presbyterial is due. To her zeal and consecration can be attributed the fine attainment of the Literature Department of the Provincial Board, a responsibility which she undertook so lovingly when her sister, Miss Rhind, was unable to continue its duties.

We instinctively turned to her for advice, knowing full well we would receive wise counsel. Her knowledge of the work of our Society and her wisdom made her a highly esteemed vice-president of our Provincial Board and an invaluable member of the Advisory Committee of the Council Executive.

We shall always remember her unfailing kindness, her quick sympathy, her modesty, and her constant loyalty. We love to recall her keen sense of humour. But, above all else, we shall never forget her deep-rooted, steady faith in prayer and in the promises of God. We have all profited much by her companionship.

We give thanks to God for the years of devoted service given by her for the extension of the Master's Kingdom in the cause of Missions and pray that God may send His own to take up the work she has laid down.

We would express our sympathy to her sorrowing husband, to her only son, Howard, and to her brother and the other members of her family. We rejoice with them ''in sure and certain hope of the Resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ''.

''And I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.''

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. R. M. PATERSON, LUSELAND, PRESS SECRETARY

SASKATOON P.S.—St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Saskatoon, paid high tribute to the excellent work of Mrs. B. Johnson, who has resigned after twenty-five years as Cradle Roll Superintendent. St. Andrew's Mission Helpers Band, Saskatoon, presented their secretary, Marjorie B. Rennie, with a Junior Membership certificate and pin on December 26th, Rev. W. G. Brown making the presentation at the morning service.

To the Dr. James Robertson Auxiliary in January Mrs. R. Rowat gave a New Year's message on ''Gratitude'', emphasizing the necessity of taking stock of one's blessings before starting out on a new mile of Life's Road. Parkview Auxiliary, Saskatoon, began the New Year with a short message from the President on the ''Untrodden Way''. A letter of great interest was read from Miss Lily Simpson, of Jhansi, India.

For its first meeting in 1938 the North Battleford Auxiliary followed the programme outlined in the December *Glad Tidings.* In addition, one of the members gave an inspiring paper on the only source of true peace and happiness, daily association with God through prayer.

Moose Jaw P.S.—Miss Hildur Hermanson, of the Mackay Memorial

Hospital, Taihoku, Formosa, was the speaker in February at a meeting of the Auxiliaries and Young People's Societies of Knox and St. Paul's congregations, in Knox Church, Moose Jaw. She told in an interesting manner of the Island, its various religions and the difficulty and confusion caused by the mixture of Chinese and Japanese languages. Despite conditions in the Orient and financial conditions in Canada, which made it difficult to send missionaries or funds, Miss Hermanson told of the great good being accomplished and stressed the opportunity the hospital afforded to make contacts with non-Christians. After the address pictures and curios were displayed.

Prince Albert P.S.—The Tisdale Auxiliary regrets to report the death of Mrs. C. T. Argall, one of its oldest and most faithful members and since 1932 a Life Member of the Society. When the first Auxiliary was formed in the Carrot River Valley thirty years ago, Mrs. Argall was elected President, holding the office for many years, and after 1925 again serving a long term as President. She will ever be remembered as one who served her Master with humility, fidelity, and energy, and this memory will be an incentive to future activity on the part of her associates in the work of Church and Women's Missionary Society. In January the Tisdale Auxiliary used the programme in the December *Glad Tidings.* Mrs. Fraser, who has been President for four years, was made a Life Member in recognition of her faithful service.

At the meeting of the James Nisbet Auxiliary, Prince Albert, Rev. Allan Reoch, of Manchuria, conducted the dedication service for the officers for 1938.

''What influenced you to become a Christian?'' we asked a middle-aged physician who had been baptized a few weeks earlier.

''I was first led to investigate Christianity by meeting an Indian minister on a cross-country journey in a motor lorry,'' he replied. ''We talked for two hours and I was surprised at his rich culture and charm. I asked him about his caste before becoming a Christian and was amazed when he told me that he came from one of the lowest castes in the country. That puzzled me and I said that I would try to find out the secret of how a despised outcaste could be remade into such a man as this minister. I bought a Bible and read the Gospels of Mark and John, the Acts of the Apostles and several of the Epistles of Paul, and felt that I understood the secret. Then I began to investigate the Christian converts in my own village and found that the same transforming process was going on in them. This led to my conversion and I am hoping that all my relatives and friends will be converted. None of them can afford to get on without this power of Christ in their lives.''

—Bishop J. W. Pickett, D.D., *The Missionary Review of the World.*

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January and February, 1938

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Pension rate received from missionary	9.46
Government Grant for Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	5,573.64
Government Grant for Birtle Indian School	4,517.56
PROVINCIAL GIVINGS:	
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Canora	$ 768.32
Vegreville	500.00
Chinese in Canada	1,348.74
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	1,200.62
Government Grant for Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	5,573.64
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Editorial

Elected to the Council Executive

IN March Mrs. Albert Maas was elected a member of the Council Executive. Belonging to the Auxiliary of Knox Church, Toronto, Mrs. Maas has taken an active interest in missionary work, and it is felt that the Board has gained a very capable member.

Death of Mrs. Henderson

IN the death of Mrs. Joseph Henderson, of Toronto, on the 4th April our Women's Missionary Society lost one of its most faithful friends and generous supporters. Something of what Mrs. Henderson has meant to the Society will be told in next month's magazine.

Mrs. John Somerville

MRS. JOHN SOMERVILLE, long associated with women's missionary work, died in Toronto on the 22nd March. She was in 1908 Vice-President, then from 1909 till 1914 President of the Women's Home Missionary Society. After the amalgamation of the three societies to form the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, she served as Vice-President until 1920, when she was made an Honorary President of the Society, continuing after 1925 to hold that position in the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada.

Further Preparation for Missionary Service

MISS MARGARET KENNEDY, who graduated this spring from the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, will take a further course in missionary training with a view to going as an evangelist to India.

Third Nurse for Rocky Mountain Hospital

THE third nurse has been appointed to the staff of the hospital at Rocky Mountain House, Alberta,—Miss Elsie Lydia Lloyd, of Vancouver, a graduate of the Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster and a member of St. Stephen's Church. Since graduating in 1931, Miss Lloyd has had experience in hospital and private nursing.

On Furlough from India

THREE of our missionaries in India are to be at home on furlough this year: Miss C. Maxwell and Miss Iris Errey, of Amkhut, from the Bhil field, and Dr. Elizabeth Thurrott, from Jhansi.

Small Chinese Visitors

A PLEASANT interruption in the business of the Council Executive on the 5th April occurred when Miss Lily Yeung brought three children from the Chinese kindergarten to the meeting. The little ones gave proof of their Scripture memory work by reciting the story of the loaves and fishes, first in Chinese and then in English.

WE have been informed that North Side Sunday School, Regina, had last year an average attendance of seventy-six, instead of fifty or sixty, as reported in the April *Glad Tidings.*

Prayer for International Brotherhood

FROM a number of selected prayers sent out by the China Relief Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, we quote the ''Prayer for International Brotherhood'' as an expression of the ideal attitude of Christians throughout the world at the present time.

> Almighty God, who holdest the nations in the hollow of Thy hand, we beseech Thee to grant to all nations unity, peace and concord. Hear us, O Lord, as we pray that the nations of the earth may be guided in their relationships by Thy Holy Will; that they may check in themselves and others every temper which makes for war, all ungenerous judgments, all presumptuous claims, all promptings of self-assertion, and all the noxious growths of isolation and arrogance and passion; that they may endeavour to understand the needs, the feelings, the endowments, the traditional aspirations of other countries; that they may do gladly, unweariedly and patiently what lies in them to remove suspicions and misunderstanding. O God our Father, give to the nations of the world a new heart of comradeship, that every people may bring its tribute of excellence to the common treasury without fear and without the lust of domination; and that all the world may go forward in the new and living way which Jesus Christ has consecrated for us, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Scatter the clouds that hide
The face of heaven, and show
Where sweet peace doth abide,
Where Truth and Beauty grow.
—Robert Bridges, *Morning Hymn.*

The Board of Missions

THE Board of Missions met in St. Andrew's Institute, Toronto, March 15th to 18th, with the Convener, Rev. A. M. Hill, D.D., in the chair. Rev. J. A. MacInnis, of Orillia, conducted the devotional service at the opening session on Tuesday evening, then spoke of points that had been impressed on him at the Foreign Missions Conference and that he believed should be brought to the Church at large: the œcumenical character of the Church, a community of which Christ is the Head and in which He is at work, and the idea of a world fellowship; the remarkable degree of unity in the Churches (not uniformity or union), which had been evident at the Conference, the Christian faith held in common; and the significance of the Madras meeting of the International Missionary Council, the results of which must be conserved. As a Church, Mr. MacInnis declared, we must keep in touch with these wider movements, consider the relation of the missionary movement to world conditions and its contribution to peace, and stress the world-wide call to the Church to proclaim the Kingdom of God. There should be a deeper sense of fellowship and a renewed consciousness of the spiritual resources available in Christ Jesus for that to which He has called us. The Board must modify its programme to meet the situation in the world, but the opportunities for evangelism were never greater, in a generation at least.

After cordially welcoming Rev. Hugh Munroe, D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly, and Rev. Malcolm Campbell, D.D., former Moderator, Dr. Hill spoke of the work for which the Board was responsible. Its supreme aim, he said, is to make the Lord Jesus Christ known to all men, to persuade them to follow Him and to come into the Christian Church, which would be self-governing, self-supporting and self-propagating. The missionary's work is essentially evangelistic,—with the aid of educational and medical work, literature, and, especially, the example of a Christian life and a Christian home. There should be co-operation in organizing converts into churches. In educational work the aim is no longer only the nurture of the children of the Christian community, but the reaching of non-Christians and their evangelization. In Canada, Dr. Hill reminded the members, we do not leave others out. We must admit non-Christians and thus bring them under Christian influence; the leavening of non-Christian society is part of our educational policy. Medical work is not merely the key to open the door to non-Christians; it is for the relief of suffering, the removal of superstition regarding the cause of disease, the prevention of disease,

—in the spirit of Jesus Christ. All our work is part of a world Christian mission, in Canada and in other countries. Determined to keep the traditions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada as a great missionary Church, the Board was planning changes in some of its work, especially in the Jhansi field in India. The Church must be alert and courageous enough to adapt its policies to changing conditions, Dr. Hill said, quoting Dr. Speer's phrase ''changing conditions but a changeless Christ''.

The Moderator

Dr. Munroe addressed the Board on the present condition of the Church, as he had seen it in visiting all parts of the country, and some causes of that condition. Many of the strong men of a few years ago have gone, he said, and in many cases there seems to be no one to take the place of the man of strength in the local church. The years of business depression meant smaller incomes and reduced givings; and recently a feeling of insecurity has been evident among business men, and a fear of the future. Too many people, too, look to the Government to carry them, and that spirit seems to be getting into the Church. Fundamentally it is a spiritual problem. Dr. Munroe was impressed with the number of young men in the service of the Church, taking some of the difficult places of the country. He is confident of the future of the Church, ''but the road is not easy and the time not soon.''

WORK OVERSEAS

Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, Jobat

Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, at home on her first furlough from Jobat, India, told the Board of some changes on that field during her five years there and something of the outlook to-day. A good metal road has been built through Jobat State, so that patients can now come by bus to the hospital, and mail, which until last November was brought by camel, now comes on the bus. Another Board of Missions bungalow has been built in the Jobat compound, and some houses of Indian Christians; and there have been new hospital buildings—a maternity ward, a nurses' home and the McConochie hospital. Changes in policy have affected the educational and medical work of the mission. Some responsibility for the little ones is left with the parents; until children reach the third school grade they remain at home, then go from the different stations to Amkhut for the fourth, fifth, and sixth classes. Small fees are charged for students staying in the hostels. Only students of special ability are sent on for secondary education. Fees are now charged in the hospital and charges made for medicine and supplies, the Bhils because of their poverty being exempted. Medical and educational work, Miss MacMurchy reminded the members, is interwoven with all mission work. Five years ago Mr. Toombs and Miss Maxwell were the only ones giving all their time to evangelistic work; now Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Young, Mr.

and Mrs. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Toombs, Miss Maxwell, and to some extent, Miss Douglas, are engaged in that work,—Miss MacMurchy had latterly given much of her time to it, too. Recent letters from Mrs. C. L. Wood told of an interest never before seen among the Bhils seventy miles from Jobat, in a district near which there has been something of a mass movement towards Christianity. There is a great task ahead, Miss MacMurchy concluded, as great as has ever been faced by our Church.

Formosa

Sympathetic appreciation of the strain and anxiety under which missionaries were labouring in Formosa was asked for by Mrs. W. A. J. Martin in reporting on that field. The number of missionaries actually on the field was at its lowest, some being in Japan for language study and others on furlough. Miss Dorothy Douglas was to return to Tansui from Kobe in April. The use of the Japanese language is gradually increasing. The work of the native Church has gone on as usual. In all there are seventy-eight churches and preaching stations, twenty of which are self-supporting. The Three-Year Movement, which was to end in December, 1938, may, it is hoped, develop into a twenty-year movement, that there may be a fully self-supporting, self-governing, and self-propagating Christian Church. The missionaries have done a wonderful work among the aborigines of the east coast. The Theological College has been moved from Tansui to Taihoku. In the Women's School a new department was begun, and work continued in the kindergartens which, Mrs. Martin said, would make a great contribution to the Church in Formosa. Bible Study groups were formed for ministers and their wives. Emphasis was being placed on the training of leaders. In the Mackay Memorial Hospital, which has a larger staff of graduate nurses, with healing and the relief of suffering went the teaching of the love of Jesus Christ.

Manchuria

In Manchuria, Dr. James Wilson reminded the members, only evangelistic work is carried on. Much work is done by native pastors and Bible-women. A deep and abiding interest in the religious life is evident, and a new interest in Bible study. Fifty women met for six weeks' Bible study, and the Men's Training Class held last year in Taonan, with thirty-nine apprentice preachers enrolled and nine laymen, was unusually successful, many local Christians coming to listen. Converts are going out among the Mongolians preaching. The church in Taonan is becoming largely self-supporting and self-governing, and in Szepingkai the Chinese pastors are assuming more responsibility. There are 62 men and 18 women workers, besides the missionaries. During the year there were 874 baptisms; and at the end of the year 3,168 members. Work was begun at 7 new places, making 51 centres of work now open. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, in Szepingkai, are delighted with their new home.

Koreans in Japan

The Korean Church in Japan, reported Mr. G. L. Sutherland, showed a growing ability to manage its own affairs. A new departure was made when it ordained its own pastors; formerly they were ordained by the Church in Korea. Self-support is increasing, but, of necessity, slowly; ten of the pastors are still largely supported by the mission. For the most part, the Women's Missionary Society (E.D.) gives to the support of pastors, while the Western Division supports the kindergartens and the Biblewomen. Workers' prayer-meetings have been very helpful. Suitable places for worship are hard to get, but the Korean Christians now own fourteen church buildings. Rev. Malcolm MacKay, having finished his language study, has now the status of a senior missionary.

British Guiana

Mrs. W. A. McLennan, in presenting the British Guiana report, referred to the happy situation existing as a result of British Guiana's effort at self-support. The educational work of the mission is extensive, taking much of the missionary's time and energy. There are 29 primary schools, with 113 teachers, and 4,901 pupils, a Boys' High School with 4 teachers and 65 pupils, and a Girls' High School with 5 teachers and 47 pupils. There is daily religious teaching in all schools. Evangelism is closely connected with education. Eighteen schools are used on Sunday for Sunday School and Church services, as well as twenty-four Churches and five other preaching places. There are 5 preachers and 19 catechists and 500 communicant members; the 66 Sunday Schools have 101 teachers and 2,481 pupils. Two new preaching places were reported, and two new Sunday Schools; four new Churches were opened during the year, among them the Ephraim Scott Memorial at Better Hope. In Georgetown Miss Storey continues to train two East Indian deaconesses. Miss Davies teaches half time in the Berbice Girls' High School, of which she is Principal, and devotes the rest of her time to evangelistic work. More and more is the work of the mission being organized and consolidated. Among the problems the Council faces is the training of present and future catechists, and a new building programme.

Jhansi, India

Dr. Hill, reporting on the Jhansi field, expressed regret at Mr. Lowther's illness, which had delayed his visiting the mission fields after his furlough. The Girls' School had more pupils in 1937; there were 112 girls in the hostel, and 148 boys and girls as day pupils in the schools; eleven teachers, with two for part time. The standard of the boys' school was raised, and a new Bible course introduced. A Christian library had been established in Jhansi city, open to non-Christians. Mr. and Mrs. Cheshire, Miss Whatling, and Dr. Thurrott were engaged in evangelistic work, the two latter mainly about Baragaon and Babina.

Through the efforts of Miss Whatling and the Indian Christians a small church has been built at Baragaon. There are fifty children under Miss Simpson's care in the orphanage, and medical work has been carried on by Miss Simpson and Dr. Thurrott. In some respects 1937 was the best year the farm has known.

Dr. Buchanan expected to leave India on the 31st March, to spend six months of his furlough in Canada. As he is retiring after his furlough, the sub-executive was authorized to send a new missionary to the Bhil field.

Dr. Gushue-Taylor, who would soon be back in Formosa, as Superintendent of the Happy Mount Leprosy Colony, would be in a different relation to the Board of Missions and our Church. As a contribution to the Christian work for lepers, the Board agreed to be responsible for $2,200 for his salary, and to ask him to act in the capacity of consultant in connection with the Mackay Memorial Hospital. In view of Dr. Little's intention of retiring in 1939 and the necessity of having another doctor with Dr. Stevens, the sub-executive was authorized to engage a suitable medical missionary for Formosa.

WORK IN CANADA

Dr. Kannawin

Dr. Kannawin, Convener of the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, warmly commended Miss Ruby Blyth's work in organizing and building up Sunday Schools in different centres in British Columbia, and in other ways serving weak congregations; also the work being done in the Peace River district, congratulating the Women's Missionary Society on what it was accomplishing through its deaconesses. Prestville, where a new church was opened last summer, is in a prosperous part of the country; in fact, he questioned whether the Church should still regard the Peace River district as a pioneer field. Referring to the attempt to link up scattered families in Saskatchewan, he told of the announcement on the radio that the Presbyterian Church, through the Sunday School Board, would carry on Sunday School work by post; if the parents are willing to teach the children, the Board will send them Sunday School literature. The greatest need was for *men.* The Board of Missions, the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, and the Women's Board should meet and consider how to cover the work more adequately.

Tyndale House

Mr. Charles Johnson, of Montreal, presented the case of Tyndale House, through which, he said, the Presbyterian Church is attempting to bring spiritual help and encouragement to people in one of the neediest districts of down-town Montreal. The helpful spirit growing among the people themselves shows the good result of the work. Both men's and women's classes have for five years contributed to the work of the institution, and the Sunday evening offering is for the Budget. Their present quarters are becoming quite inadequate. Sunday School classes occupy every room, and the men's class has 50 members, and the women's over 90. From 70 to 90 attend the Sunday evening service. The work is hampered by lack of space and lack of funds. Mr. Johnson believes that such an evangelical community centre, with its emphasis on Christian leadership and character building, is the right answer to the down-town problem with which the Church has to grapple. Appreciation was expressed of Mr. Johnson's presentation of the work, which was deserving of every support.

In the Synods

Dr. A. S. Reid, synodical missionary, reported that the French work in Montreal is progressing. One group, under Mr. Smith, is now organized as a French-speaking congregation of the Presbytery, with 114 communicant members. The problem is to get a church for them. The central branch, under Rev. Mr. Giguère, has a good church building, seating approximately six hundred, which is also used for Italian services. Very successful week-night services are held. There is, he said, an almost unlimited opportunity for evangelical work in the province of Quebec. Services are held for Italians in the north, centre and south of the city of Montreal, and Sunday Schools conducted. A church is needed for the northern group; they have a site and $5,000 towards a building. The Chinese work is being continued under Miss Dickson and Solomon Leung. In the mining district of northern Quebec Dr. Reid saw a wonderful opportunity for pioneer work. He recommended putting in an ordained man, with a deaconess and two students, the Presbytery of Quebec asking the Board to open up the Val d'Or district as a frontier mission field.

Algoma Presbytery exceeded its allocation, reported Rev. W. M. Mackay. The new work opened in Kirkland Lake in March, 1937, under Rev. C. J. MacKay and Miss Macarthur, deaconess, has prospered. At the end of 1937, they reported 96 members, receipts of $1,900, and $135 given to the Budget. Every organization of the new congregation devotes one meeting to missions. Services were held in Larder Lake, where a lot for a church has been secured. Geraldton, Mr. Mackay said, is moving forward; having paid half the cost of their church, the people are now assuming a greater share of the cost of maintenance. The church and manse at Hawk Junction are paid for. Encouraging progress is being made, too, in the Le Pas, Flin Flon, and Cranberry Portage districts of Manitoba; the Church is the centre of great activity and growing interest is evident. Conditions in Brandon Presbytery he found better than in any previous year. On the whole, the people are in earnest in meeting their share of financial obligations. In the northern parts of the provinces, with their great resources, there is a missionary opportunity, he believes, that has never been exceeded in the history of our Church.

The policy of giving a field as much as the people themselves raised, up to a certain amount, is approved by Rev. H. R. Horne, citing the cases of Fort St. John and Prestville in the Peace River district, where new churches were dedicated last summer free of debt. He recommended that the minister to be sent to Fort St. John give a monthly service at Hudson Hope, alternating with the Anglicans, so that the community may have a fortnightly service. Saskatchewan greatly appreciated the Board's assistance last year. Mr. Horne, too, saw a problem in the too general willingness of a section of the people to accept help; an effort should be made to prevent that attitude becoming permanent, and restore the spirit of independence. There are 67,000 Presbyterians registered in Saskatchewan and 72,000 in Alberta, not a quarter of whom, he said, are in our churches. After an address by Miss Lamont, the Synod appointed a committee to co-operate with a committee of the W.M.S. to get in touch with these people. Through letters and the broadcasts of Rev. W. G. Brown and Rev. S. Farley, 250 Presbyterian families had already been discovered who, not in touch with any Church, desired Presbyterian services.

Rev. G. S. Baulch, of Wilkie, Convener of Synod, gratefully acknowledged the consideration and co-operation of the Board of Missions and the Women's Missionary Society in the effort to maintain Home Mission work in Saskatchewan. Students had done good work. The Synod's Home Mission work he reported to be in good condition, and likely to improve in the immediate future. Presbytery visitation is being put into force, and, in future, there will be closer supervision. The consolidation and revision of the work is being planned, as it is felt that the best results are not always being got from the man power available and the money spent. Realizing that work must be extended and the people followed into new districts, the Synod is prepared to spend up to $600 on survey work in northern Saskatchewan where 250 families desire services. The request that the Board of Missions, conferring with the W.M.S., would give a like amount was granted. Mrs. McLennan assured the Board that the caring for these scattered families was something in which all could co-operate.

The growing work on the mission fields in the Synod of Alberta, Rev. T. Rodger stated, has been affected by the bitterness of political feeling. He paid high tribute to the heroic, self-sacrificing work of the deaconesses. In new territory near the southern Alberta oil-fields served by no Church there is an almost matchless opportunity, he declared, for the Church to give service to the people coming in from different parts of Canada and the United States. Two years ago Mr. Rodger took some young people to the Peace River district, where they held thirty evangelistic services. The people thus got a vision of the work they had not had before. He felt the same thing could be done elsewhere.

Rev. J. A. McMahon, expressing appreciation of Rev. W. M. Mackay's services, said he was a tower of strength in the north country,—with his vision, his alertness, and, on occasion, his courage. With two or three exceptions, the mission fields and the augmented charges in the Synod of Manitoba had never been in such a satisfactory condition as at present. Some have shown a promising improvement. Under the leadership of young men of ability they will go ahead. We must, he declared, keep our eyes on the north, the Canada of the future. Even in the years of depression it has been the north country that has saved the cities.

The solution of difficulties in mission work in British Columbia, stated Rev. A. C. Wishart, lies with the minister; if he is doing his work, the congregation will go ahead. Good work is looked for at Creston, in the Kootenay Presbytery, where a Knox College graduate was to begin work on May 1st; the church has been closed for six months, except for the two months Miss Blyth was there. Miss S. V. Scott has given excellent service in some congregations where there was no minister. Rev. H. Funston and Mrs. Funston have been working faithfully at Stewart, where work was begun last year.

An itinerary of missionaries planned by the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, Rev. W. T. McCree reported, was carried out in part, Mr. Reoch visiting almost all parts of Kingston, Barrie, and Orangeville Presbyteries. If missionaries are available, the plan will be continued. The Church, he said, would have to consider the work among non-Anglo-Saxons and face the problem of the children growing up here, being educated in the public schools, yet not being met by the challenge of the Church. The whole matter of non-Anglo-Saxon work is to be studied by a committee of the Board.

The Women's Missionary Society, Eastern Division

Mrs. G. E. Ross, President of the Women's Missionary Society, Eastern Division, reported 8 Presbyterials, 244 Auxiliaries, 3,746 Auxiliary members, and 564 Home Helpers. In the Home Mission work, Miss Fraser is in charge of port work, while Miss Sylvester, Miss Marion MacLennan and Miss Florence MacNeill are doing deaconess work. Miss Gladys Murphy, who was unable to return to Japan after her furlough, has, also, been assisting on a Home Mission field. Mrs. Teasdale reported that a grant of $500 is made to the Kobe Theological Training College, and money is being given to build the Burns Memorial Church in British Guiana.

The Chinese in Canada

Rev. D. A. Smith finds evidence of real advance in the Chinese work in Canada. There are nineteen workers, ten of them Chinese, and seven others who give part-time service. Mrs. S. Y. Louie, a teacher and worker in South China, was welcomed to Canada. There are two new groups in Vancouver, a Young Women's Auxiliary and a girls' group. Communicant classes have been held in Vancouver and Victoria for the first time. Eight adults were baptized and joined the Church. Seventy-five pupils and six teachers attended the Vancouver Vacation School, and a girls' camp was held at Keats' Island. A determined stand has been taken by some of the young people, although the decision to ally themselves with the Christian Church may mean breaking with their homes. A sense of responsibility is being developed, and the people are seeing the necessity of giving to the work of the Church at home and abroad. The congregations in Vancouver and Victoria both exceeded their allocations, and the allocations were increased for this year. The first Chinese Communion service had been held in Windsor. Visiting is an important part of the work—Christian contact in Canada may mean Christian contact in China. Requests come from all over for Christian literature. The Women's Missionary Society distributes literature to the Chinese throughout Saskatchewan. The influence of the conflict in China is being felt in the work here. A great deal of relief work is being done in Canada and clothing and money sent to China. In relief committees Chinese and Canadians are being drawn together in a fine way, Mr. Smith said. Then there is the problem of the second generation. ''Are we to be forever restricted?'' they ask, ''never to be allowed to become really Canadian?''

Jewish, Hungarian and Ukrainian Work in Toronto

In his report of Jewish work in Toronto, Rev. Mr. Zeidman emphasized the need of a message of comfort and cheer in these most trying days in the history of the Jews. At Scott Institute the Jews feel the Christians are friends. Through evangelistic services conducted by Knox College students, very successful young people's meetings, mid-week Bible classes and prayer-meetings, mothers' classes, and a girls' club, besides the Sunday services, the people are being brought under Christian influence and given the Gospel message.

The year 1937 was decidedly the best in the five years of the Hungarian congregation in Toronto, stated Rev. Charles Steinmetz. They are eager for their new church. A grant from the W.M.S. enabled them to wipe out the mortgage on their lot, and at the end of the year they had over $1,100 in the building fund. There are 105 members, and 70 pupils in the Sunday School.

The attitude of the Ukrainians in Toronto has changed, Rev. M. Fesenko told the Board; formerly antagonistic to any Church influence, they are now friendly and welcome him in their homes. The work has been handicapped by the difficulty in finding a suitable place of meeting; at present they hold services in Dale Church. The Sunday School has 70 children, and is continually growing. He explained his method of reaching the Ukrainian people by letter, which is bringing good results.

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In spite of the strenuous efforts of the Stewardship and Budget Committee, it was announced, there was still a deficit on the year's operations.

Mr. T. L. Hamilton emphasized the necessity of balancing the budget, if the people are to be aroused to do greater work. ''If every minister and every elder were missionary in spirit,'' he declared, ''we should soon get the money we need and could expand.'' Mr. E. W. McNeill reported a small increase in revenue, and some reduction of the accumulated deficit.

A report was presented regarding the appointment of Home and Foreign Mission Secretaries, for which offices nominations had been received. The Board was of the opinion that at the earliest possible moment the General Assembly should appoint a Foreign Mission Secretary, and nominated the Rev. A. A. Lowther for the position. For the office of Home Mission Secretary it nominated Rev. W. A. Cameron, D.D.

Young Women's Fellowship Gives a Lead in Stewardship

By Miss Laura K. Pelton

''WE the members of the Montreal Young Women's Auxiliaries' Leaders' Fellowship believe that life should be lived in terms of stewardship, and 'that in all things He might have the pre-eminence' we recommend that a stewardship team be formed within the Fellowship for the purpose of developing the practice of stewardship among our young women, and to give leadership by assuming responsibility for the offerings of the young women's department.''

Such was the resolution brought to the Montreal Y.W.A. Leaders' Fellowship by their executive and duly accepted by the Fellowship. The acceptance of this resolution, and the appointment of the stewardship team, has ushered into our young women's work in Montreal what we believe will prove to be something new and vital. It marks the beginning of an advance not only forward, but upward.

At present, there is in Montreal almost perfect co-operation between the Presbyterial Executive and the Young Women's Fellowship. The Presbyterial Executive gave to the young women a ''blanket'' allocation, and left the distribution of the allocation to the various young women's groups in the hands of the Fellowship and the Young Women's Secretaries. The groups were told that no allocation would be sent to them; instead, they were asked to face up to the matter of giving in terms of stewardship. The responsibility was placed upon them, and their response was a revelation. Different methods were used to ascertain what they would set as their objective. In some instances the executives discussed the matter and brought in their considered opinion as to what should be their Auxiliary's financial responsibility for the year. In other groups they passed slips of paper among the members and asked each one to mark on the paper the amount per week that she thought she could give for the year. In yet others, they had an open discussion and estimated that the group would pledge a definite increase in givings. With the exception of three groups, two of which could not be reasonably expected to increase, substantial increases were promised. This in itself was gratifying, but the distinctly new feature will be in the fact *that young women will be leading young women* to a higher conception of giving. The stewardship team has definitely assumed the responsibility for the young women's givings in Montreal. It is within the realm of possibility that the young women may not reach that ''blanket'' allocation, as it is considerably larger than the amount that they gave last year, but that possibility did not deter the Presbyterial Executive from ''taking a chance'' on the young women. The probability is that the young women will measure up, and the stewardship team has entered upon its task with a strong and sanguine faith. The first official act of the team was the sending of a letter to each group, with sufficient copies that each member might have one. In the belief that the readers of the *Glad Tidings* would be interested in this letter we take the liberty of inserting it.

Its heading is the text which the team has adopted as theirs, ''THAT IN ALL THINGS HE MIGHT HAVE THE PRE-EMINENCE''.

''Dear Fellow Members,

''If Christ is to have the pre-eminence in our lives, then as individuals we must consider life in terms of stewardship.

''God alone is sovereign; we are only stewards. If we belong to Him, then all that we have is ours 'in trust'. Does this not bring God definitely into the spending of our time, the use of our talents, and the disposal of our money? It is on this basis that the Stewardship Team of the Y.W.A. Leaders' Fellowship makes its appeal to the individual member of each Auxiliary.

''*YOUR TIME:* Will you spend a definite portion of the time over which you have control in the study of the Bible, in prayer, and in missionary reading?

''*YOUR TALENTS:* Will you dedicate your known talents, and discover new ones by attempting what you have not done before, that His Name may be glorified in your Auxiliary?

''*YOUR MONEY:* Bring ye all tithes into the storehouse . . . and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it. Malachi 3:10.''

This letter went out over the signatures of the Captain of the Stewardship Team and the two Presbyterial Secretaries, thus carrying with it the approval of the Presbyterial, and coming as a challenge from young women to young women.

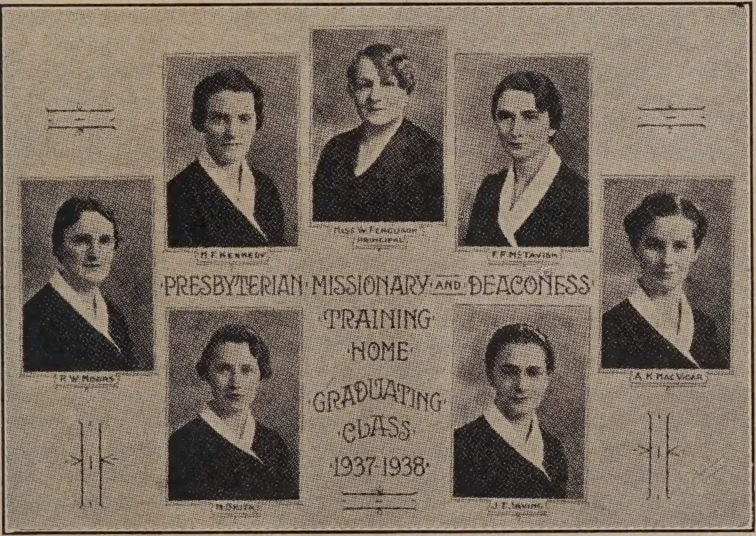
This Fellowship has a Friendship Team, also, whose purpose it is to assist the Presbyterial Secretaries in the work among the groups, and to provide each group with a ''friend''. The members of the team visited their respective groups with the Young Women's Travelling Secretary while she was in Montreal the first part of the year. When the visiting was completed the Friendship and Stewardship Teams met with the Presbyterial Secretaries and the Travelling Secretary to ''pool'' observations of the groups. In the opinion of the writer it was one of the most constructive and hopeful meetings she has ever attended. With that candour which has no sting and that honesty which desires only the best, those young women criticized one another. It was criticism of one another, because practically every group was represented, and each one sat in the meeting, not only as a team member, but also as a group member; in some instances, not only as a group member, but as a president, or as the one who had been responsible for the worship service, or some other part of the programme on the evening her group was visited. No unkind word was said, no feelings were hurt, but with an anxious earnestness those young women discussed, in the light of their observations, ways and means of bettering and strengthening the young women's groups.

It is our sincere belief that these young women have caught a vision of the magnitude and glory of Christian responsibility and have set out in a determined mood, as leaders, to realize among the young women in their Presbyterial a new quality of life and service.

Prepared for a Wider Field of Service

THE closing exercises of the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home were held in the chapel of Knox College on Thursday evening, the 7th of April. Rev. A. R. Skinner, Chairman of the Board, presided, and Rev. J. A. Hilts and Rev. Joseph Wasson assisted in the devotional service. The choir of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, under the direction of Mr. D. Ouchterlony, led the service of praise.

The chairman expressed the keen regret of the Board and of the students at the absence of the Principal, Miss Ferguson, who, because of ill-health, had been granted leave of absence. She was, he said, making good progress and all looked forward to her being able to resume her duties as Principal in September. The twenty-six students who were in residence during the year included a Japanese young woman, a Chinese University student, two Indian girls, the daughter of a Formosan missionary, and the first student to enter the Training Home from the Peace River district, besides a missionary under appointment to Manchuria, an accepted candidate for India, and a missionary home on her first furlough from India. At present, it was reported, there are fifty-three graduate deaconesses in active service. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Skinner thanked the ministers who gave their services to train the students, and the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), whose assistance had made it possible for the Board to engage a most competent lecturer, Mrs. R. Goldwin Smith, an honour graduate in Theology of Wycliffe College. During his three years as chairman of the Board, he had been impressed by the fine type of young woman offering herself for deaconess service. The Church, in his opinion, is most fortunate in having deaconesses such as are going out each year from the Training Home. There is there a potential force and energy, he declared, that the Church could use to advantage and thus largely increase its influence through the Dominion. It should be realized that the Training Home is actually an educational institution and as such should have its own staff of lecturers, and its own classrooms. A beginning has been made in having Mrs. Smith, and the Church should realize its privilege and responsibility.



Rev. Joseph Wasson, on behalf of the Board, paid tribute to Dr. Stenhouse as a generous friend, a skilful physician, a wise counsellor, and a sympathetic, kindly Christian gentleman. He had, Mr. Wasson said, a great love for the Church, the institutions of the Church, and the ministers of the Church; and in his death the Church had lost a noble elder, and the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home a good friend. The Church at large felt the poorer for his passing.

Mrs. R. Goldwin Smith presented certificates to the five first-year students: Miss Pauline W. Esler, Vancouver; Miss Margaret A. Campbell, Pouce Coupe, British Columbia; Miss Thelma Martin, Sudbury, Ontario; Miss Anna Mackay, Tansui, Formosa, Japan; and Miss Marjorie K. MacKay, Bracebridge, Ontario; and to Miss Dorothy Duncan, McDonald's Corners, Ontario, who had completed a one-year course for volunteer workers. Rev. W. M. Kannawin, D.D., presented Teacher Training certificates, and Rev. C. K. Nicoll, Moderator of the Presbytery of Toronto, diplomas to the six members of the graduating class: Miss J. Elizabeth Irving, Preston, Ontario; Miss Margaret F. Kennedy, Montreal; Miss Anne K. MacVicar, Catalone, Nova Scotia; Miss Fay F. McTavish, Shakespeare, Ontario; Miss Rosetta W. Moors, Edmonton, and Miss Nellie Smith, Toronto. To Miss Anna Mackay, of the first year, and Miss Margaret Kennedy, of the second, Rev. E. Foreman presented scholarships; while to Miss Kennedy and Miss McTavish Rev. W. T. McCree presented the proficiency awards for the highest standing, and Miss Isabella T. Hunter, President of the Deaconess Alumnæ Association, presented the Alumnæ scholarship to Miss Kennedy. It will be of interest to many to note among the names of the graduates that of Miss Nellie Smith, of the office staff of the Women's Missionary Society, who is to be congratulated on completing the deaconess course extra-murally, while carrying on her regular work.

In his address Rev. H. A. Berlis, of Perth, a former chairman of the Board, impressed on the new deaconesses the importance of fellowship if they were to be vital Christians and Christian workers. When the spirit of Christian fellowship, he said, enters into a community of people, the Church becomes a living soul. In that Christian fellowship three elements were to be noted: fairness, friendly co-operation, and faithfulness. They must give fair appreciation to all with whom they come in contact. The Church should be fair to all people, because all are the children of God. In their fields of service, they would find class distinctions in human society, varying opinions, differing religious beliefs, and racial prejudice, but in all groups, however much they might differ in material possessions, social standing, religious belief, or race, Christian workers would find what is good and for that give credit. Jesus Christ, he reminded them, was fair to all people, even to the greatest of sinners. ''Don't be too hard; be fair.'' The co-operation that is the key to Christian fellowship, he stated, comes not by compulsion but from a spirit of friendliness, and should be practised by all Christian workers. He warned against the danger that lies in a refusal to co-operate; it means an incomplete life. The work of the Christian Church requires the co-operation of all in its ranks. Then there must be faithfulness, a quality that commands the admiration of the world, whether exhibited by friend or foe. May it be that in their faithfulness men would see the spirit of Jesus Christ who gave His life for all,—the Cross stands as the symbol of Christianity, ''the very crown of Christian fellowship''.

Prayer

O GOD our Heavenly Father, we come to Thee acknowledging Thy majesty, power and glory, and realizing our own unworthiness to approach Thee. We thank Thee that, because of Thy divine love for mankind, Thou hast provided a way to Thy throne of grace through Thy Son and Saviour Jesus Christ, and in His name we now draw nigh to Thee with humble and contrite hearts. Expel from our minds all distracting thoughts, and empty our hearts of everything that would hinder us from finding Thee or realizing Thy presence.

We thank Thee, Lord, that Thou hast not only commanded us to share the Gospel message with all the world, but hast made us co-workers with Thee. When we become discouraged, may we remember that Thou hast promised to be with us alway. Help each one of us to realize more and more the great need of the world for Thy Gospel of love and fill us with an earnest desire to make this Gospel known to others, less fortunate than ourselves, that they, too, may find peace and joy in serving Thee.

Bless, O God, the work of our Women's Missionary Society. May we not only give gladly of our money for the advancement of Thy Kingdom but may we give faith and loyalty and loving service. Be with the members of the Council Executive that in all their deliberations they may be guided by Thy Holy Spirit. Make them a centre of power that will radiate inspiration and encouragement to every member of our Society.

We beseech Thee, O God, to pour out Thy spirit on all nations. Guide the leaders that they may govern righteously and unselfishly, that peace may prevail in those countries torn by war, that war may be prevented in our own Empire, and the Prince of Peace may reign in the hearts of mankind in every land.

We ask Thy blessing upon our loved ones. May they be kept from sin and harm. Bless the means used to heal the sick and suffering ones of the earth. Comfort the sad and sorrowing.

Accept our thanks for all Thy loving-kindness to us in the past, and walk beside us into the future, that our feet may be kept in the Way of Life. We ask it through Jesus Christ Thy Son. Amen.

"If Thou Wilt Thou Canst Make Me Clean"

Dr. G. Gushue-Taylor describes his work among the lepers in Formosa.

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AFTER spending one term with the English Presbyterian Mission in the Tainan Hospital, the writer and his wife transferred to the Canadian Presbyterian Mission in North Formosa. Shortly after the reopening of the Mackay Memorial Hospital in Taihoku, the number of patients with leprosy applying for treatment was so great as to present us with a problem for which no solution seemed to be in sight. One factor in the situation was certain—namely, the command of our Lord as recorded in St. Matthew 10, verses 5-8, to ''cleanse the lepers,'' and to this we held fast as an anchor in a storm. Since He gave this command we, as His representatives in a country in which leprosy is endemic and in which nothing was being done except a little out-patient work in the Mission hospitals, must attempt something more in keeping with the desire literally to carry the command into practice.

In 1925 a committee meeting was held at Tainan between representatives of the two missions, at which it was recommended that in view of the urgent need, a start should be made with greater work for lepers, and that this effort should begin in North Formosa.

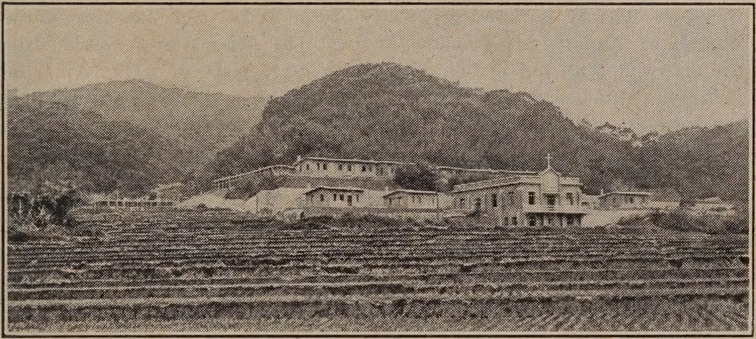
In 1927, with the aid of a grant of money from the Mission to Lepers, a church building in Taihoku, opposite the Mackay Memorial Hospital, was purchased and opened as a special out-patient clinic for leprosy within the mission work of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission. During the past ten years this out-patient work has been maintained by the staff of the Mackay Memorial Hospital, the expenses being provided partly by the Government of Formosa and partly by grants from the Mission to Lepers and by patients' contributions.

During the ten years since its opening, some 450-odd patients have paid some 50,000 visits to this clinic, and the volume of misery here presented convinced us that there was a real need for a residential institution in which persons with leprosy could be housed, taken care of and given more adequate treatment for their disease. Briefly the events from this leading up to the foundation of our leprosy colony are as follows.

''Jesus put forth His hand.''

In 1928, we had an interview with the Governor-General of the island, and laid before him plans for mission work among lepers, and were successful in obtaining the Government's most cordial support with promise of their help. A campaign was started in Formosa to collect money for the building, with the result that in the subsequent years some 60,000 yen in cash was raised. Her Majesty the Empress Dowager of Japan graciously gave 5,000 yen. The Governor-General gave 25,000 yen, which was used to purchase the colony site; this was later increased by a further grant of 3,000 yen. Collection in various countries outside Formosa brought in sufficient to enable us to build a colony of over thirty buildings and open it free of debt, without drawing on any ordinary Church funds. The W.M.S. (Western Division) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada generously gave $5,000 for the church building.

In 1929 a site was found for the colony, but as by this time the Government had plans for a leprosy hospital, and had a budget granted from Tokyo but no site available, they used our site to build their hospital, which since has admitted about 400 patients. Our happy co-operation at that time has continued up to the present and will, we trust, go along in the future.



Happy Mount Leprosy Colony

In 1931 we discovered and purchased our present charming and suitable site and started building. At the end of that year the usual opposition to a leprosy colony was met and overcome. Early in 1932 we were cheered by a visit from the four members of the Deputation from the Presbyterian Church of England, whose enthusiasm stimulated our own and made us surer than ever that we were on the right track. The colony was opened for the reception of patients in March, 1934.

''I will; be thou clean.''

We have built accommodation for eighty patients, and up to date about seventy have entered the colony. The place is laid out as a model village. Each cottage houses four patients, has its own kitchen and own garden utensils, water supply laid on and electric light. The women's quarters are separate from the men's. Water-borne sewage disposal plant has been installed and works very efficiently, as can be testified by visitors who are asked to inspect the whole place and who testify to its cleanliness. There is ground for agricultural work, which all are encouraged to do according to their ability. In 1936 the patients produced over 30,000 pounds of vegetables for their own use, and sent some thousand-odd pounds as a gift to the Government Leprosy Hospital. They keep pigs and rabbits, which help provide food and occupation. They are encouraged to do all they can in the way of work, as occupational therapy is a valuable asset in treatment. The church building is a tremendous aid and joy in the colony's life. The basement of the church has dispensary, store-rooms, treatment rooms, pathological laboratory, operation theatre, and staff changing room.

From the beginning the nursing service has been cared for by Mrs. Gushue-Taylor, without whose aid the patients would be minus a great many comforts—material and spiritual. Patients have been trained to do nursing and simple treatment operations. During our present furlough this work has, by the kind generosity of the W.M.A. of the Presbyterian Church of England, been under the care of Miss Gretta Gauld, from Tainan, who, with her mother, is doing a great piece of work loving and mothering those poor unfortunate people. In this they comfort not only the patients but their absent foster-parents, who are thankful, very thankful.

" . . . Returned to give glory to God."

From the outset of this work in 1931 we have been assisted by Pastor C. L. Keh, who has been our right-hand man in business affairs and oversight of workmen. Since opening, he has been our pastor, and has taught and led the patients towards a knowledge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Each year patients have been received into Church membership till, at the beginning of this year, forty-six had been baptised. A self-supporting congregation has been organized with a session, and this April Pastor Keh was inducted to the charge. Church service each Sunday morning, and Sunday school in the afternoon, and a week-night prayer meeting are regularly held. The Gospel has meant a revolution in the lives of the patients, which has brought much comfort into their lives.

This year, in April, we were able to obtain the cordial consent of the Superintendent of the Government Leprosy Hospital for one of our Formosan evangelists to visit his hospital each Sunday and Wednesday for Christian service. This appointment has been made, and the American Mission to Lepers has gladly consented to pay the larger share of his salary for this work. Word has just been received that thirteen patients have been baptised there, and a communion service has been held at which there were twenty-nine participants. The preacher is enthusiastic as to the prospects before long of having enough Christians in that hospital to organize a congregation.

"In as much . . . "

One is often asked how is the work supported? The Presbyterian Church in Canada pays our salary as their contribution to this work. The budget of the colony is received from many sources, which are as follows:—Gifts from the Imperial Privy Purse, Tokyo; from Her Majesty the Empress Dowager of Japan; the Governor-General of Formosa; the Mission to Lepers, London, New York, Toronto; receipts from Endowment Lands in Formosa; payments from a very few patients or their friends; gifts from well-wishers in Formosa and Japan; gifts from well-wishers in other lands, among which is a gift from the Foreign Missions Committee of the Presbyterian Church of England. To see to it that our income is just a little over our expenditure is to assure solvency.

In this work we crave your prayerful interest. It is in reality a union effort. Almost half our patients come from the South Formosa Field, which is the field of the English Presbyterian Mission. Our auditor is Mr. Montgomery and formerly was Mr. Band, both English Presbyterian friends; our Formosan dispenser is from Tainan. Quite apart from this feature of the work, however, I am sure that a work such as this, which touches a vital centre in the life of Formosa, will have the support of us all.

Women's Christian Medical College Ludhiana, Punjab, India

(A Letter from Dr. Edith M. Brown, Principal)

I AM most interested to see the article "Facing New Conditions" printed in *Glad Tidings* February issue, written with regard to medical work in China, for it so closely applies to conditions in India at this time.

Standards of Medical Education here are rapidly rising. Most of the Indian Colleges now have reciprocity with those at home. The Licentiate Diploma is being abolished or brought up to the standards of the Licentiates of the Colleges at home. Some of the largest Hospitals are now as well equipped as those abroad, and work of a very high standard is required.

The difficulties which have to be faced are in many ways far greater than those at home on account of the immense area to be supplied, the enormous population, nearly 400,000,000, of whom 90 per cent. live in the villages, and the number of languages spoken in India. For work in one Hospital usually three or four languages are essential! But, as Dr. Laurence Ingle has said, the challenge should be "inspiring", not depressing. The difficulties are a sign of growth.

In Ludhiana we are growing, too. We have applied to the University of the Punjab for affiliation, so that our students may be able to take the M.B.B.S. degree, and be ready for full responsibility in the future. The Syndicate has recommended affiliation for the first two years' study. By next year we must bring our Pathology Department up to standard, and we shall then apply for affiliation for the third year's study and examination, and after that will come the affiliation for the Clinical study in Hospital. I think we shall be ready as far as work goes, but we need a good deal of help for apparatus and appliances.

Further we need an increase of staff. So far our Demonstrators have been our own trained students, holding the Licentiate Diploma of the State Faculty of Medicine, Punjab. Now they will have to be holders of the M.B.B.S. degree, and till our own are ready we shall need more help from home.

The work here is specially important, for Ludhiana is a centre where over 300 women are in training for work in all parts of India, and in connection with some 26 different Missionary Societies. . . .

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The Hospital work is a truthful witness for the Master. Only last month some of our staff with a group of students went for village preaching, and one house, where the women had formerly been absolutely opposed, welcomed them and listened eagerly. What had caused the change? A relative in another village twenty miles away had been into Hospital the previous year for a major operation. She had been loved and cared for there and had heard the Gospel, and on her return home had told her friends about it. Now they had just heard that she had had her first baby boy, and their gratitude was great, so that they welcomed us as friends. They gathered some thirty women in their courtyard to listen to the message, and asked for regular visits.

We are grateful for the annual gift kindly sent to us by the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and would ask your earnest help by prayer that we may be enabled to overcome all difficulties, so that our graduates may be prepared to continue to glorify the Master in this work.

David could say, ''I have prepared with all my might''. May we say this, too.

Books Bring Pleasure

BITS FROM LETTERS RECEIVED BY THE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

FROM camps we receive much appreciation: ''The men are almost hungry for periodicals.''

''I wish to express to you and your Society, on behalf of myself and the men, our appreciation and sincere thanks. We are indeed fortunate to be numbered among those who are favoured by your thoughtfulness. We wish you and your Society every success in this good work.''

''Some of the men have mentioned to me the delight they had in the reading material.''

A missionary writes: ''I believe that our Church has been helped a great deal by the generosity and assistance of the W.M.S. It has been a source of great encouragement to me personally.'' And from another province: ''I thank you for your kindly remembrance of this part of the country which has been courageously facing year after year of drought conditions.''

A mother says: ''Thank you for the Sunday School papers. Grown-ups as well as children enjoy them. We do not have a Sunday School in winter.''

''Some of the new books we will use for gifts; the others will go into our little library. The kiddies will love the little Gospels, and we will arrange that each of the older ones who can read will be given one.''

''We received the Girls' Annual, and my girls, from ten to two years, were delighted with it.''

''We can hardly get the magazines and books read before they are begged from us, and then are passed all over the district. Winter seems so long.''

''Living on a farm, with no Church or Sunday School, Sunday is always the longest day in winter, so we spend a lot of time with our books.''

From a father who had recently lost his wife: ''The children are delighted with the calendar and Sunday School papers with coloured pictures. They are going to cut them out and paste them into a scrap-book. It will be something for them to do when shut in by the cold, and in the long, dark evenings. In our circumstances, it is good to think that someone thinks of us.''

''I know my daughter will appreciate your sending reading material to her. She lives thirteen miles from town, and they have had so many crop failures that she is discouraged. Just the thought that someone cares enough to help will surely give her new strength to go on.''

A deaconess writes: ''Many thanks for the Canadian and National Geographics. These are always appreciated, and I am so often asked for them. I intend to look these over myself, and then pass them on.''

''The books are just the type I like for our libraries. The magazines and books have been a great blessing, and I do thank all the women who have had a share in sending them.''

Send us this day amongst our fellows,
Held every moment in Thine own strong friendship,
To be for Thee, triumphantly,
The heralds of Thy will, Thy word,
Thy generous love, Thy hope, Thy joy,
Thy might, Thy purity, Thy beauty.—*Hoyland.*

Gifts From Egypt and a Gift to Egypt

FROM THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN LITERATURE FOR WOMEN
AND CHILDREN IN MISSION FIELDS.

IT was a charming bevy of girls which went down one morning to the river-bank to bathe. In the centre of the group was the lovely princess, conscious of her position of authority but also having a friendliness and recognition of the needs of others—a royal gift, indeed. Amidst all the laughter and chatter the attention of the princess was attracted by something in the rushes at the water's edge, and she came nearer to see what it was, a little baby abandoned by its mother but carefully sheltered from danger by a cunningly woven basket of bulrushes. The interest of the princess was aroused and she ordered that the child should be rescued. We are familiar with the details of the story and know that she did not stint her efforts nor her care for the little alien babe. It might have been natural for her to rescue an Egyptian child, one of her own people, but this was a foreigner of a slave race. However, the record states that she had compassion on the weeping child of the Israelitish people.

May we not, therefore, place this daughter of the Pharaoh at the head of all the missionary women whose hearts go out not only to their own people, their own civilization, their own race, but to any needy child of the Heavenly Father? We modern folk owe a great debt to that lovely princess, for did she not give to the little Moses ''all the wisdom of the Egyptians'', thereby preparing him to be the recipient from God of the great Law which stands as a foundation of jurisprudence even unto this day? . . .

Again, when Joseph and Mary knew that the life of the precious little Babe was imperilled, it was to Egypt they went, the land which had no quota for shutting out the needy, no bar across its gate to exclude the persecuted. It was in Egypt that the little Christ-child dwelt in safety; it was there He played with the companions who knew no caste, no racial hatred. There again we have an added debt to acknowledge to ancient Egypt.

To-day we Christians have an opportunity to repay something on this old account. In the land of Goshen and along the banks of the historic river Nile, there are little lads playing who speak Arabic; there are young girls in the homes with the soft syllables of that beautiful tongue on their lips. As far as we can ascertain there has never been a suitable magazine for the guidance and delight of the young folks using the Arabic language. They have been taught to praise the name of Allah, but they have not heard the song of the angels who announced the birth of the Christ-child and the Peace on

Earth that is to be. They hear wonderful stories of their prophet Mohammed, but they have not had a chance to learn of the parables of One who is greater than Mohammed.

For eight years some of the missionaries in Egypt have been appealing to the Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children in Mission Fields, Inc., for a suitable magazine for these young folks. They have studied the success of *The Treasure Chest*, which this Committee has been publishing for fifteen years in India and now issues in nine different vernaculars in that country. They have seen how it is possible to give stories, histories of great men and women, scientific articles, descriptions of the world in which we live, all on a Christian ethical basis, and we feel that to-day is the ''fullness of time'' for us to present this gift . . . After full consultation with the Committee in London which is providing literature for rural Africa, after receiving the hearty approval of Dr. Samuel M. Zwemer, our great authority on work among Moslem people, with all the organizations on the field which can be reached pledged to its support, we have launched the new enterprise. Egypt is to have its *Treasure Chest*!

The proposition has been received with great favour in Cairo; not only the representatives of the Christian Churches, the Evangelical and the Coptic, but also many liberal-minded Moslems have signified their approval of the enterprise and have promised assistance. The Young Women's Christian Association will lend its aid. So great is the interest at the College for Girls in Cairo that three of the students have volunteered to give one afternoon a week of free service. Of these one is an Evangelical Christian, one a Coptic Christian, and one a Moslem!

The magazine is to be a medium for promoting, we trust, international peace, inter-religious friendship; also every copy will carry the unmistakable message concerning the Prince of Peace. There is to be no controversy in it, no criticism of other faiths, no political slant, but broad news of the world and its doings. There will be stories of great Christians and what they have accomplished, and the history also of great men of other faiths with commendation of what good can be found in their lives. There will be Christian hymns and verses from the Bible. To none of this programme has any objection been made. The editor-in-chief is to be an Egyptian Christian young woman, a college graduate, prepared for her task. With her will be associated the wife of one of the professors in the American University . . . . We are hoping that the first number of the magazine will carry the picture of the fine young King, who, having been educated in Europe, seems to have absorbed many Christian ideals. . . .

The magazine will circulate not only in Egypt but in all North Africa, Syria, Iraq and in certain parts of Malaya. There are eighty million Arabic-speaking people in the world, and, while the number of them who have been won to Christ is still comparatively small, we are hoping that this magazine may be read by many who have not yet accepted the Christian faith, and we are glad to have the word of God carried thus into non-Christian homes. It may be that a little child will lead them.

—Clementina Butler, Chairman.

Publications Department

BY MARGARET NESS

WITH Mrs. Gehman and Miss Gibbs sailing to Manchuria in the summer, everyone will be anxious to do some extra reading on China.

Lady Fourth Daughter of China (35c.), published in 1932, is most valuable in depicting the part women are playing in new China; **Vagabond Wong** (50c.) is a most rousing story for children (8-12 years of age), in which a flood and bandits bring together a Chinese boy and an English boy; **China Calling** (50c.) is the book issued last year by the China Inland Mission and well recommended by many of our readers. The Goforth books are still popular—**Goforth of China**, the life of Dr. Goforth by Mrs. Goforth ($2.25—another edition now in print); **How I Know God Answers Prayer**, by Mrs. Goforth ($1.00, special price); **By My Spirit** (35c.). The 35c. edition of **Miracle Lives of China** is now out of print but we have a few gift copies of both it and **By My Spirit** at 75c. each. Then there is the little booklet **Blind Chang**, the story of a Manchurian martyr, by Mrs. Goforth (25c.). Two other excellent books on China are **China Her Own Interpreter** (50c.) and **Chinese Church in Action** (60c.).

Two books which should be of particular interest and which are proving very popular are **Women of the Old Testament** and **Women of the New Testament** (each 75c.).

For the children there are the ever popular **Little Books of the Bible**, which sell for only 15c. each and include the stories of Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Ruth, David, Prophets, Daniel, Esther, Peter, Jesus, Paul. **Stories Told by Jesus** also comes in the same collection.

Other stories for children are the **Boys and Girls Series**, selling at 35c. each and containing the following books, **Boys and Girls of India, Boys and Girls of China and Japan, Other Boys and Girls, Boys and Girls of the Near East.**

There are still some copies of **Gleanings** available at 25c. each. As the foreword explains, ''Each year the individual reports from our overseas mission fields and from our W.M.S. workers at home have to be greatly condensed by the Council Executive Secretary before being printed in the Report of the Society''—so **Gleanings** contains ''much of interest that had to be omitted in the shortened form.''

May we remind you of some of our own publications, **Agnes Dickson** (45c.)—her life in China and among the Chinese in Canada; **Dr. Jessie MacBean and the Hackett Medical College** (20c.). Leaflets: **Our Korean Work in Japan,** 7c.; **Chinese Work in Canada (1925-35),** 3c.; **The Chinese in Canada,** 5c.; **As We Work Among the Indians,** 5c.; **The Indian Before the White Man Came,** 5c.; **Challenge of Jesus to the Young Men and Women of Formosa,** 5c.

Copies of **God's Children** and **Since 1761** can no longer be obtained, as they are out of print.

OUR LETTER BOX

Miss Armstrong's Memory Honoured

Vancouver, B.C.

ON Friday evening, March 4th, I was thrilled. Our senior girls, some of whom were in the Mission Band when I first came nearly seven years ago, held their first regular meeting as the ''Esther Armstrong Young Women's Mission Circle''. The president, Ruth Leung, opened the meeting with a very fine devotional talk on Nehemiah's rebuilding of the walls—''The people had a mind to work.'' Mrs. Pollock, Presbyterial Young Women's Secretary, installed the officers. After a brief business period Mrs. Thomson gave an address on the subject: ''The origin, growth and work of the Women's Missionary Society''. It was most interesting, simple yet challenging. The attention of the girls showed that it went home. Miss Armstrong's mother was the guest of honour. I am so glad the girls have chosen this way of perpetuating Esther's memory. As Mrs. Thomson said, it gives them a high standard to live up to. Miss Myrtle Sillers is the Sunday School teacher and leader of this group.

The girls made some dressings, too, for Chinese war relief.

—*Ruth Yeandle.*

Christmas with Dr. Thurrott

C. P. Mission, Jhansi, India.

MR. BAKHT SINGH, the Indian evangelist, was with us most of December and I think everyone who attended his meetings was helped to view life from a higher level and to realize in a fuller way the blessings that are ours because of Christmas; for does not Christmas mean that for you and me a Saviour has come? Our Church decided that this year we should try to share this good news with those who know it not and that, instead of the usual programme of sports, all who wished should go in Gospel team groups to the city. Early Christmas morning boys and girls, men and women set out for the city, carrying with them bundles of tracts, which had been specially prepared by our pastor, Mr. Moti Lal, and which told all who would read, the good news of a Saviour who had come to save sinners. In the city we split up into groups and went through the main streets. Christmas hymns were sung and when a crowd gathered some one would explain the true meaning of Christmas, or ''the big day'' as it is called here, and then tracts were given to all who desired them. Over 4,000 tracts were distributed and, although I saw many carrying tracts in their hands or pockets, I saw only one tract which had been thrown away. We returned to the mission compound in time for morning service at ten a.m. All the members of the Isagarh and Jhansi congregations had gathered and we had a very fine service.

A hill, which appears to be of solid rock formation, rises just to the east of our mission property and hundreds of men, women, and children sit with small hammers, hour after hour, breaking this rock into small cubes, so that it may be used in road making, etc.; for here such stone is not crushed by machinery as in Canada but is broken by hand. Many of these stone cutters live in little grass huts just outside our mission gate. A census showed there were about a hundred children under five years of age. A friend, seeing them and wishing to show her gratitude for kindnesses shown her, offered to provide candy for these children on Christmas Day. After the morning Church service I went with a party to help distribute this candy to the children and fruit to the adults. When all had gathered we took the opportunity to tell them the meaning of Christmas, our pastor's wife being the speaker and our school boys singing Christmas hymns. Members of our mission have from time to time held services among these people, even showing them lantern slides on the life of Christ, so that it was not difficult for them to understand something of the Gospel message. This distribution of gifts took some time; then we hurried back to enjoy our share of the dinner, which was served to the whole congregation on the verandahs of the boys' hostel.

After a quiet Sunday I prepared for my house-party of boys. Mr. MacKay had kindly consented to allow ten of his older boys to come to Babina for a week during the vacation, and what a wonderful week it was! Full of frolic and fun, for boys will be boys, but full, too, of service for the Master and blessed fellowship in prayer and Bible study. We enjoyed every minute except for a slight accident when the boys had gone out on hired bicycles and one of the bicycles broke where it had been imperfectly mended. This accident delayed some, but the others started off with lantern slides to have a meeting as scheduled.

When Shimon, one of the older boys, went to settle up for the bicycles, a young man with a long black beard and long tousled hair, dressed in a dirty white garment over which was a kind of sleeveless black smock, stood under a tree on the opposite side of the road watching him. As

Shimon talked to the owner of the bicycle, this young man drew near to listen; later he said, ''I knew by his talk and his manner that he was a Christian and I was seeking for some one who would tell me of Christ.'' When the business was finished this young man spoke to Shimon, asking where he came from. They proceeded to get acquainted and Shimon learned that the young man had had no food and had walked about forty miles during the last two days. Shimon hurried home and asked, ''What shall we do? When I saw him my heart was very much pained. He made me think of Jesus and he has no place to go. It's dark and beginning to rain. If we give him food he has no place to stay except under a tree; could he stay with us?'' I replied, ''Yes, our back verandah is dry and warm; it's the only place we have to spare, but he may sleep there and we will gladly give him food, if he is hungry and will eat with us.'' Shimon very happily returned and brought his acquaintance to us. . . . .

Now all had returned from the village and the night closed in. Outside it was dark, cold, dismal and wet, but inside burned a bright, cheery fire and a nice hot supper was soon ready. The strange young man took his place in the circle on the floor and shared the evening meal. He again took his place with the boys when they gathered for evening prayers, after the dishes had been washed. We were studying the Book of Revelation and for the first time he heard about that great hope of the Christian Church, the return of our Lord. Prayers over, most of the boys went to bed, but Shimon sat by the cook fire with our strange guest, while he read a Gospel. About 10.30 Shimon came to wish me good-night and told me he felt convinced that this young man had a sincere desire to know Christ, and he asked for enough money for a hair cut and a shave for this new friend, saying, ''He does not want to look like that any more; he wants to be a Christian.'' I had little faith, but I could not refuse the five cents needed. Never will I forget the transformation which that five cents wrought. In the morning when I went out, I saw by the fire a young man, smooth shaven, with nicely combed short wavy hair and finally recognized in him the young man of the black smock who had arrived the previous evening. For the next three days he studied the Bible all day and far into the night, for in it he found the Words of Life. I do wish one and all could have shared in the joy which the boys experienced and could have heard them praise the Lord. . . . The house-party ended and all returned to Jhansi, taking with them this new brother in Christ.

The young man, not wishing to keep his non-Christian name, has adopted the name of Timothy and has been baptized thus. His life story is a rather strange one for India. Born in a Brahman household, after a quarrel regarding the property he left home. For a time he tried running a grocery business and, making friends with Mohammedans, he came to disregard caste rules. Pilgrimages to Hindu sacred places only revealed to him the hollowness of their religion. Then he remembered a Christian tract he had once read and bits of conversation he had heard. He sought for some one who could tell him more. For one and a half years he wandered about, finally arriving at Delhi. Here he met a Roman Catholic and talked with him, but failed to get any peace of mind. Then, not caring where he went, he travelled south. He had arrived in Babina only about half an hour before Shimon came along. . . . . As the boys returned to school they said, ''We'll never forget this week.'' . . . . Timothy's whole desire seems to be to serve his Lord by making Him known to others.

—Elizabeth Thurrott.

AUXILIARY PAGE

TO REACH THE GOAL

By Mrs. John Williams

IN the ancient stadium during the Olympic games the Greeks had three pillars—one at the starting-point, one midway along the course, and one at the finish. On the first was a Greek word meaning ''Do your best''; on the last a word which might be rendered ''Stop here!''; but on the midway pillar was an imperative ''Speed you!'', ''Make haste!'' How wise the ancient Greeks were! No risk was greater than over-confidence or relaxation of effort when success was but half attained. Is there a message for us from this story of the long ago?

January is the month of beginnings. ''Do your best.'' Ways and means are discussed to make programmes interesting and informative, to increase and hold the membership, and to accomplish the group's share in the Society's work. Each secretary has many ideas to put into action and a note-book of her own, lest she forget in December. A course of study is decided upon, a prayer circle organized, a visitation planned, and the treasurer asked to inform the members regularly of the state of their finances so that a deficit may be avoided. The importance of beginning at once is stressed and of checking up frequently to prevent any failure.

April and October are Thank-offering months. The inspiration of these services influences many. Thanksgiving is a loving expression of dependence upon God for all His goodness. Preparation is of vital importance. Much depends upon the programme, the central thought, the music, the Scripture, the prayers, and the speaker. Sometimes the minister is asked to share in this service through his sermon on the Sunday preceding the meeting. Personal invitations to newcomers and to non-members bring results. Occasionally several Auxiliaries meet together, each contributing to the programme. At times an itinerary is planned for a speaker, so that she may address several meetings. Prayer is one of the keys that will open the door of blessing. While many work and pray, to some the door has been closed to active service but not to prayer and communion.

In June, the midway pillar, through its sign, ''Speed you!'' ''Make haste!'', advises a stock-taking and no relaxation. What has been accomplished? Some one once said, ''If we can have half our money in June, we are not afraid of a deficit in December.'' Can the treasurer say, ''I am not afraid''? This is not a time to make excuses for lapses, but a time for an earnest checking and a planning, lest the ''little foxes'' of the summer ''spoil the vines''. Summer means to many the out-of-doors and vacation. Regular contributions paid before members go away leave no arrears in September. Picnics, garden parties, strawberry festivals sometimes replace the study meeting. A re-union of those home on vacation with the regular group creates interest, and summer residents are welcome in the local Auxiliary. Sewing and knitting parties help the supplies. Mite-boxes are reminders and receivers. Summer is not only a time for rest and change, but a time for reading, studying and planning for the autumn.

September means a rally with pledges renewed and responsibilities resumed. A business meeting gives an opportunity to report summer activities and to lay plans to meet obligations.

December comes. Each secretary reads from her book of records. A copy of her report is sent to her Presbyterial Secretary. The treasurer presents her statement, audited and found correct. The Recording Secretary is last. This must be, as her report cannot be completed until the books are closed. To make certain that statistics are complete and correct and that all figures agree, there is a careful checking before any report is sent on. After that no changes are to be made. The secretary writes of what has been done, the new members added, the assistance given to the Junior organizations, the question-and-answer meeting about the Society, the ''Watch Tower'', when members representing different fields bring recent news of the fields, the Life Membership presented, the allocation met, and the continued prayerful interest, the friendliness, the regular, systematic, willing performance of duties, which had made the hopes of January a reality.

''Stop here!'' is read. The third pillar has been reached. There are no vain regrets.

The naked earth is warm with spring,
    And with green grass and bursting trees
Leans to the sun's gaze glorying,
    And quivers in the sunny breeze.

—*Julian Grenfell.*

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. John D. Holman, ***Secretary***

A VISIT TO OUR HOSPITALS

AN interesting programme, based on ''Our Hospital Work in Canada'', was presented at a recent meeting of the Young Women's Auxiliary of Glenview Church, Toronto. The topic was divided into four parts and the meeting took the form of an aeroplane trip. One member conducted the tour. She told the members of the proposed trip, but, before seeing us safely aboard the little red plane, called upon one member to give us a short historical review of the beginnings of our Hospital work in Canada under the Women's Home Missionary Society. After the members were on board the plane took off. Our guide, by means of a map, pointed out many places of interest to us as we winged our way westward. Our first stop was at Canora, Saskatchewan. Here we were welcomed by a member impersonating Miss Cuddy, the Superintendent of the Hugh Waddell Memorial Hospital, who took us on a tour of inspection of the Hospital.

After a pleasant visit, we boarded the plane for the second ''hop'' of our flight to Vegreville, Alberta. Another member, impersonating Miss McPherson, the Superintendent, took us through the Rolland M. Boswell Hospital.

Leaving Vegreville, our plane turned southward and we circled over the site of our new hospital at Rocky Mountain House, Alberta. The Rocky Mountains to the west and the Saskatchewan River winding its way through a wooded country formed a perfect background against which our new hospital on its high elevation and the spire of the Presbyterian Church could be plainly seen from the air.

Back in Toronto, our guide, by a series of questions, proceeded to find out what points of interest and facts about our hospitals had been observed by the members of the group.

Why not have your group take a similar trip? The information needed to plan such a meeting may be obtained from the Hospital Work in Canada packet. These packets are loaned for a two-week period for 15 cents. Other packets which could be used in a similar way are: Our School Residences in Canada, and Our Work Among Canadian Indians. These packets may be obtained from the W.M.S. Publications, Room 700, 372 Bay Street, Toronto.

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. John Kelman, *Secretary*

Dear Leaders and Girls:

I HAVE been reading the annual reports from the provinces and, while I find therein much of inspiration and encouragement, I am disappointed to learn that we have not succeeded in reaching our objective in the matter of our promised support to Miss Hazel Macdonald and Miss Frieda Matthews, deaconesses in Alberta.

Can't you remember the enthusiasm with which this project was hailed? We started off in a manner which seemed to assure success, but somehow the promise has not been fulfilled; somewhere along the line we lost sight of our goal, our enthusiasm waned, and we have failed to achieve that which we set out to do. The result is disappointing to us and must also be disappointing to those whom we promised to help. They were depending on us.

Did you ever realize that in war, for every man in the front line trenches, there are five men behind the line on whom he is dependent for ammunition and supplies? If they fail, then the man in the front line is sacrificed and the battle may be lost, not because the men in the front line were not brave, not because they did not do all that they could, but because someone behind the line did not realize the importance of their help. We are the people behind our deaconesses; we send them to the front line—we promise our support, and then—we forget!

Another opportunity to help our work at home has been given to us this year, to assist in the support of the work among the Chinese in Canada. This work should capture the imagination of our groups, as there are few districts in our Dominion where there are no Chinese. In order that you may become acquainted with this phase of our missionary task in our land, a Study Kit has been prepared. This kit contains: *Lady Fourth Daughter of China,* a study of conditions of life in modern China; *Willow Pattern,* a charming story for girls; *Deep Waters,* a play based on *Lady Fourth Daughter of China;* a chart illustrative of our Chinese work in Canada, and Programme Trails. The cost of the kit is seventy-five cents and every group should have one. It will be a means of kindling and retaining interest and will undoubtedly help toward a better understanding of the Chinese people in our midst.

In facing this new task, let us forget past failure, save where it may serve as a spur to new endeavour.

> I mean to go on, and, if I fail, to try.
> However much I miss of my intent,
> If I have done my best I'll be content.

Success is not to be commanded, nor is it always the reward of endeavour, but to have done our best in any cause will bring a sense of reward in the realization of duty well done.

To our leaders, may I suggest that you get acquainted with your Presbyterial Secretary and invite her to visit your group. If this is not possible, because of distance, ask her for information regarding our missionary projects. Also, invite the members of the local Auxiliary or Young Women's group to your meeting that they may become interested in your work and thus help to strengthen the various links of our Society.

MISSION BANDS

Mrs. A. R. Riddell, *Secretary*

OUR MISSIONARIES' CHILDREN

At Home in Canada

FOR the next few months on this page we are going to tell you about the children of our overseas missionaries. The Mission Bands might be interested in making a calendar, with a page for each month, on which they would write the birthdays, names, and ages of the children, and the fields where their parents are working. Two of these children are at present at home with their mothers, while their fathers have returned to their fields, and it is these we tell you about this month: Margaret Young, the daughter of Dr. L. L. Young, of Kobe, Japan, and Mrs. Young, and Robert Stevens, the son of Dr. Eugene Stevens, of the Mackay Memorial Hospital, Taihoku, Formosa, and Mrs. Stevens.

Robert Stevens

Margaret Jane Fitzpatrick Young was born on the 13th May, 1925, at Hamheung, Korea. Before she started to school, her playmates were Koreans and Japanese. In Japan she attended the Canadian Academy at Kobe. This school has about two hundred pupils; they are of all nationalities, but they must speak English. Margaret is exceedingly fond of animals. She likes basket-ball, base-ball, and all outdoor winter sports, also bicycling. She has been enjoying the winter in Calgary and likes the school there very much, but longs to be back at Nagamine Yama, Kobe, Japan. That is really home to her.

Robert Eugene Stevens was born on the 13th September, 1931, at the Mackay Memorial Hospital, Taihoku, Formosa. He likes to play all games and has learned many since coming to Canada. He is especially fond of building houses, garages, and railway stations, and riding his bicycle and wagon. While in London, he is attending Tecumseh School and is in grade 1. When he returns to Formosa, his mother will teach him until he is old enough to go to the Canadian Academy in Kobe, Japan.

Margaret Young

Communion

Who looks at beauty with glad eyes
And finds in it surcease from care,
Who marks each small and lovely thing
Is praising God all unaware.

Whose heart lifts up in gratitude
For clouds and leaf and budding stem,
Is sharing the delight He knew
The morning He created them.

Whose ears are keened to catch the first
Faint bird note in the darkened trees,
Can hear the music of the spheres,
The ageless heavenly symphonies.

Who holds his breath at the far scent
Of some wild blossom on the air,
Is giving thanks unknowingly,
Is voicing an unspoken prayer.

—*Grace Nell Crowell.*

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

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THE Alberta Provincial annual meeting, which was preceded and followed by full Board meetings, was held in Grace Church, Calgary, on March 29th and 30th. During the four open sessions, Mrs. H. Sykes, President, most capably handled a heavy volume of business, reports and ensuing discussions, while further opportunity for the clarifying of Auxiliary and individual problems was afforded when Mrs. Harback, of Claresholm, conducted a ''Problem Bureau''. The devotions at the various sessions were based on the theme of ''The Kingdom'',—''Thy Kingdom come''—''*Thine* is the Kingdom''—''*Thine* is the power''—and ''*Thine* is the glory''. The key-note of the Corresponding Secretary's report was ''Increase'',—not always of funds, but of organizations, of members, of interest and of prayer. The Young Women's department, the C.G.I.T., and the Mission Bands were especially progressive, and throughout the meetings Mrs. Sykes on several occasions expressed her great pleasure in welcoming to the platform in one capacity or another in connection with the programme so many of our younger women. The Treasurer's report indicated an amount a little less than the sum allocated the province, but the same allocation was accepted for this year, *as an act of faith.* A feature of the programme which met with much expressed appreciation was the presentation of deaconess work in Alberta by members of the Calgary Y.W.A.'s, who impersonated the seven workers, the Principal of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home in Toronto, the Provincial President, Mrs. Sykes, two Presbyterial Presidents, and a newspaper reporter. Members of the C.G.I.T. assisted in the musical numbers incidental to the story. The installation of officers was conducted by Rev. T. Rodger, conferring the responsibility of leadership and service on the executive; the only changes are that the Lantern Slides Secretary is Mrs. G. Metcalfe, 1305 11th St. W., Calgary, the Exchange Secretary Mrs. W. Carmichael, Carstairs, and the Student Secretary Miss Janet McLennan, Edmonton. At the complimentary banquet which the Calgary Auxiliaries tendered the delegates, Miss Frieda Matthews, of Shaughnessy, was the guest speaker, and her inspirational message was illustrated with incidents from her work, which she presented in both its light and dark sides, stressing the fact, however, that discouragements only drive one to more reliance on Divine help and to faith that we know here ''only in part''. Mrs. Sykes gave a powerful address, not only showing the real significance of missionary work, but also the imperative needs and opportunities confronting us in every country of the world. The very representative delegation of ladies from all parts of the province left the convention with this high note echoing in their hearts and minds—''The World for Christ''.

Macleod P.S.—A programme of unusual interest was presented at the seventh annual meeting of Macleod Presbyterial in St. Andrew's Church, Lethbridge, on February 23rd. Mrs. C. McClenaghan, First Vice-president, presided. In spite of depression and drought, the reports were all very encouraging, and Miss Frieda Matthews, deaconess, told of progress in the women's and girls' work in the face of great difficulties in the field where she is working. A splendid address was given by Mrs. W. G. Brown on her trip to Japan and Formosa, when she and Rev. Mr. Brown attended the Diamond Jubilee. Mrs. W. D. Hollingworth, newly elected President, gave a very interesting account of conditions in Prince Rupert, B.C. A beautiful solo was sung by Mrs. Earle, of Shaughnessy. A delightful play and chorus given by St. Andrew's Band, under the leadership of Mrs. McClenaghan, was particularly enjoyed. The closing words were given by Rev. Mr. Mills, of Granum.

Edmonton P.S.—The audience at Edmonton Presbyterial annual meeting, in First Presbyterian Church, Edmonton, was augmented by ministers and their wives who were in the city for the Presbytery meeting. The Rev. H. R. Horne spoke in the afternoon, and the Rev. J. H. Low at the young people's meeting in the evening, when Miss Verlie Evans, nurse deaconess, late of Dixonville, was also a guest speaker. The vastness of the work confronting the Church, the demands made on Church members because of conditions existing in many parts of the western provinces, were emphasized by all the speakers, and the confidence with which the widespread and sympathetic work of the W.M.S. was being watched was also expressed. The reports indicated the earnestness with which members were accepting responsibility in both established and newer work. Allocations had been met, whether of money, supplies, or literature. The Home Helpers showed increased membership. There were two new Auxiliaries and four new Associate Societies, as well as re-organization among the young women's groups, resulting in three Y.W. Auxiliaries. The report of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. Ritchie, revealed the work ever expanding. Mrs. G. W. Scott gave an address at the afternoon session, when Mrs. N. MacPhee was the soloist. Delegates were present from Lloydminister, Vermilion, Ranfurly, Vegreville, and Killam, as well as from all the city churches. Mrs. N. B. Moors was re-elected President.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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VICTORIA P.S.—At the Presbyterial annual meeting in Victoria on February 21st and 22nd, there was a splendid attendance of delegates from all churches—Sooke, Nanaimo, Port Alberni, Duncan, and Victoria, which added much to the interest of the meetings. Reports of the year's work in all departments were heard with much satisfaction. There was an increase in givings. Miss P. B. Lamont, Field Secretary, gave two inspiring addresses on ''Our Work in Canada'' and ''How to Gain Interest in the Work of Our Society''. A delightful luncheon at the Y.W.C.A. was attended by the delegates.

At the meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Church, Victoria, Mrs. Coutts introduced Miss Lamont, who gave a splendid address on ''Responsibilities of Membership''. She stressed the need of Mission Bands, as they hold the children for the Church.

Kamloops–Okanagan P.S. —Armstrong Auxiliary is finding the letters from different missionaries at Jhansi a wonderful inspiration and a source of great interest. The difficulties of the work there seem so much more real when they are heard directly from the worker experiencing them. All rejoiced with them in the wonderful revival under the preaching of Mr. Bakht Singh. The prayers of all the members go out to them in this time of encouragement and rejoicing.

Westminster P.S.—At a well attended meeting of the Vancouver Mission Band Council matters relating to the contests were discussed. Memorization of Bible passages and the Shorter Catechism and missionary intelligence questions on the work of our Church in British Guiana are required for individual tests, while attendance is also considered in deciding the banner Band. Key women of the Mission Bands of Vancouver met recently. The aim of Mission Bands was stressed,—knowledge of Christ as a Saviour for each child in the Band and for all the children of the world. Each key woman told of methods used in her own Band—trying to interest Sunday School teachers and superintendents, visiting the homes, and bringing Mission Band work before the Auxiliaries. A general discussion proved most helpful.

All credit and power to the women of South Hill, Vancouver, who as yet have no Auxiliary, but are like Sentimental Tommy of Scottish fiction, whose slogan was ''Find a wi or mak it''. This small group of consecrated women are concentrating on educating the children along missionary lines. Miss Lamont's visit was a great help and inspiration to them. In time they hope to have a W.M.S. Auxiliary and its tributaries.

Vancouver Heights Auxiliary had a very interesting meeting in March when Mrs. S. Cassells, of the Soudan Interior Mission, was the speaker. Mrs. Cassells, who has lived many years in the Soudan, reports that all Protestant mission work in Ethiopia has been stopped, since its capture by the Italians. During recent years the Mohammedan Government of Nigeria has requested missionaries to occupy its five northern provinces, where there are 70,000 lepers in a population of seven and a half millions. The Mohammedans confess that Christians are the only ones who will care for the lepers. Mrs. Cassells likened Women's Missionary Societies to the little maid in the Old Testament story of Naaman the leper.

MANITOBA

Mrs. George Reynolds, 218 Young St., Winnipeg, Press Secretary

THE 24th annual meeting of Superior Presbyterial on February 23rd in First Church, West Fort William, was well attended, with delegates from Fort Frances, Kenora, Geraldton, Port Arthur and Fort William. Miss Smellie was re-elected President. Mrs. A. Evans, President of Manitoba Provincial, the guest speaker, told of the various points she had visited, stressing the wonderful work being done and the progress made among the Indian people. It is the supreme duty of the Church to spread Christianity. Our primary aim is direct and simple in that it concentrates our endeavours upon making the living Christ known to all with clearness and power, that He may become a great transforming force within their lives, Mrs. Evans said,—and because much of the missionary work was left to women we must prove worth while. Mrs. Gordon, of Geraldton, in an interesting talk, told of organizing a C.G.I.T.; she began with four girls and one leader and now has thirty girls and three leaders of different denominations. Miss Smellie referred to the privilege and inspiration of having Mrs. Evans and delegates from outside points at the meetings. ''God's confidence in us should inspire us to greater work.'' She warned the members against the danger of being too busy for Church life. The Mission Band banners went to the H. R. Grant Band of St. Andrew's, Fort William, and the Mackay Band, of Port Arthur. Rev. J. N. Hepburn, of Fort Frances, was the evening speaker, his subject, ''The Door of Life''. ''The world faces many problems, but the missionary problem is one of the most acute to-day. The door to the hearts of others is the true meaning of missionary work.''

Greetings were read at the dinner hour from Brandon and Winnipeg Presbyterials. Rev. Mr. Flook, First Church, West Fort William, Rev. J. A. McMahon, Port Arthur, Rev. A. H. Johnston, Fort William, Rev. J. N. Hepburn, Fort Frances, Mrs. Houghton, Kenora, Mrs. Evans, Winnipeg, Mrs. Gordon, Geraldton, extended greetings. Port Arthur's invitation was accepted for the 25th annual meeting.

Winnipeg P.S.—At a special meeting of the Golden Sheaf Mission Band in First Presbyterian Church in February the Presbyterial Mission

Band Secretary, commending the children for their enthusiasm and loyalty in the cause of missions, presented awards to those who had fulfilled the necessary requirements: Joan Gray and Elaine Bethie, Junior certificates and pins; Lois Warrington and Connie Cooper, blue seals; Helen McFarlane, a silver seal, and Muriel Sibbald, a Life Membership seal. To the Superintendent, Mrs. G. M. Williamson, great credit is due for her untiring interest and devoted service. The members of this Band are trained to make various articles, gifts for both Hospital and home.

ONTARIO

MISS E. MACBETH, 206 HAVELOCK STREET, TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

RESOLUTION in memory of Miss E. L. Mowat, passed by the Ontario Provincial Executive of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, March 31st, 1938.

> Resolved, that we, the Ontario Provincial Executive of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada now in session in Calvin Church, Toronto, place on record our deep sense of loss in the death of Miss E. L. Mowat, for many years a member of the Board of Management, first as Vice-President and latterly as Honorary Vice-President. We give grateful thanks for the years of devoted service given by her to the extension of God's Kingdom on this earth. Resolved also, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Kingston Presbyterial.

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A unique event took place in St. Paul's Church, Ingersoll, Paris Presbyterial, under the direction of Mrs. N. Wilson and Mrs. R. A. Paterson, leaders of the Boys' Mission Club, when members of the club, their fathers and other men of the congregation to the number of more than seventy, sat down to a bountiful banquet provided by the Victoria Auxiliary, assisted by the boys' mothers. The tables, with blue streamers and candles and spring flowers, were arranged in the shape of a St. Andrew's Cross with a large terrestrial globe in the centre, emphasizing the motto of the club, ''The World for Christ''. Following the supper the boys marched to the platform, led by Mervin Shoults, carrying the Union Jack, and Lorne Bowman carrying the Church flag—the boys saluted and presented the pledge of allegiance to both flags. This ceremony was followed by the Mission Band prayer. Miss Edna Currie, President of Victoria Auxiliary, spoke encouragingly of the work of the Mission Club and presented a Junior certificate to Billy Clark, on behalf of the Auxiliary. ''The Relationship of Father and Son'' was the subject of an earnest, forceful address by Dr. A. C. Cochrane, of St. Andrew's Church, Tillsonburg. The benediction pronounced by Dr. H. H. Turner brought a successful evening to a close.

When Toronto Presbyterial Executive met in Knox Church, Toronto, with Mrs. J. Hill presiding, deep sorrow was expressed in the death of Mrs. J. S. McGonegal, beloved Welcome and Welfare Secretary, and tribute paid to her faithful work and outstanding personality. ''And I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.'' Mrs. A. E. Malloy led in the service of remembrance.

The meeting that the Fidelis Y.W.A. of Dovercourt Road Church, Toronto, holds annually with the Senior, Goforth, C.G.I.T. group, and Mission Band leaders, was in charge of this year's students at the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home. After the President, Miss Hazel Anderson, had welcomed the guests, the chair was taken by Miss Margaret Kennedy, who introduced the students, each of whom described her varied experiences and activities. Especially interesting were the descriptions of life on the Indian Reserves given by Mary Begg and Mary Green, Indian students from the Cecilia Jeffrey School, Kenora. Prior to the meeting over one hundred guests and members were entertained at dinner by the senior Auxiliary.

Chatham Presbyterial announces the organization of a Young Women's Auxiliary in Knox Church, Windsor, to be known as the Ellen Douglas Auxiliary. In St. Andrew's, Windsor, the Daughters of St. Andrew's had a sewing meeting and also entertained the Eleanor McKechnie Auxiliary of the same Church. The latter has been studying *Christianity in the Eastern Conflicts*, from the viewpoint of both Japan and China. The Isabel McConnell Y.W.A., of Leamington, reports interesting meetings held, as do also the senior Auxiliaries in Puce, Ridgetown, and Thamesville. The annual St. Patrick's supper of the Star Mission Band, Leamington, was well attended.

The Hamilton Leaders' Fellowship annual meeting was held in Knox Church, Miss Lillian McNab presiding. A supper preceded the meeting. Miss Blanche Armstrong brought greetings from Hamilton Presbyterial. After the election of officers, Mrs. N. MacDonald, Presbyterial Y.W. Secretary, introduced Mrs. W. A. McLennan, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), who conducted an impressive installation service.

The Sunshine Mission Band and their leaders of St. Andrew's Church, Chesterville, Brockville Presbyterial, were entertained at the home of Miss Helen Jamieson, with an enjoyable sleigh ride to and from the farm. They had their regular meeting, and then had supper. An impressive service was held by the Chesterville Auxiliary in memory of Mrs. James Riddell, a life-long member of the Society.

QUEBEC

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QUEBEC P.S.—Reid's Auxiliary, Lemesurier, observed the World Day of Prayer at the March meeting. In the address on ''Peace Through Fellowship'' those present were urged not only to give what they had but to give themselves to the work of Christian missions. The monthly letters received from India prove very interesting and instructive.

Montreal P.S.—The meeting of the International Missionary Council to be held at Madras, India, next December was the inspiration for a ''miniature Madras'' presentation by the Young Women's Fellowship at an open executive meeting of Montreal Presbyterial in Knox Crescent Church on April 8th. Seventeen senior and thirteen Young Women's Auxiliaries were represented. Through Miss Pelton's interest, the group taking part were able to use material sent to the delegates in preparation for the Madras meeting and the ''miniature Council'' dealt with a few of the actual questions to be discussed.

SASKATCHEWAN

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Provincial Annual Meeting

THE Saskatchewan Provincial Board met on the evening of March 22nd with fourteen members present. The next morning a conference of Provincial and Presbyterial officers was held. The meeting was very informal and all officers took part in the discussion. Promotion and Extension work, Prayer fellowship, revision of constitution, etc., were reviewed. Following this, the Regina Presbyterial entertained the delegates to luncheon in the Church.

The 24th annual meeting opened on the afternoon of March 23rd, the registration being the largest since 1925, 121 delegates in all registering. This large attendance, it is felt, has been made possible by the Travel Fund, whereby the expenses of the railway fares are more equally shared among the members, so that the most remote Auxiliary may be represented. A very happy surprise it was for the delegates that afternoon when the President announced that street cars would be waiting to convey them to Government House, where Mrs. McNab, the wife of the Lieutenant-Governor, had very graciously invited them to afternoon tea. Brilliant spring flowers filled the Conservatory and gave much pleasure.

The President, Mrs. G. D. Ralston, presided at all sessions. The subjects of the devotional services were ''Loyalty and Steadfastness'', ''Trust and Submission'', ''Courage and Victory''. Three splendid inspirational papers were given by members of Moose Jaw, Saskatoon and Prince Albert on these subjects. The reports were most encouraging, despite the discouraging conditions that prevailed throughout the province. The treasurer reported a very slight increase in givings. Moose Jaw, the district with the largest dried-out area, was again the banner Presbyterial, the average giving per Auxiliary member being $5.25. Much thought was given to Extension work, with a view to contacting Presbyterian families where no Presbyterian Church exists. A joint committee of Synod and the Women's Missionary Society had been working for three or four months and reported that through correspondence they had located some 250 families.

At the public meeting on Wednesday evening, two splendid addresses were given, one on ''The Great Commission'', by Rev. F. W. Pattison, of First Baptist Church, Regina, and the second by Rev. Scarth Macdonnell, of North Side Presbyterian Church, on ''The Religious Outlook of the Average University Student.''

Mrs. Horne's absence was a source of very deep regret and many expressed their sympathy in her prolonged illness. Kindly tributes were paid to Miss Lamont for her valuable and sympathetic service to our Presbyterial during her stay with us.

The last afternoon Mrs. Brell, of Pambrun, told a most thrilling story of the filling of the pool on their farm with water, an answer to prayer—truly a modern miracle. Following the election of officers, Mrs. Brell conducted the installation service and Mrs. A. S. Martin, of Swift Current, closed the meeting with prayer.

In the evening, the newly elected Board of Management met in the manse, the members residing in Regina being hostesses to the out-of-town members.

Saskatoon P.S.—St. Andrew's and Dr. James Robertson Auxiliaries were privileged to hear Miss Hermanson, who spoke on her work in Formosa.

Parkview Auxiliary began their study book, *Miracle Lives of China,* by Dr. and Mrs. Goforth, by reading the chapter entitled ''Angel of Shanghai''.

North Battleford Auxiliary continued their study of *By My Spirit* after the business of the day had been considered.

THE HUMAN TOUCH

'Tis the human touch in this world that counts,
    The touch of your hand and mine,
Which means far more to the fainting heart
    Than shelter and bread and wine,
For shelter is gone when the night is o'er,
    And bread lasts only a day,
But the touch of the hand and the sound of the voice
    Sing on in the soul alway.

—*Spencer Michael Free.*

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March 31st, 1938

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Library	38.28
New Missionaries	108.32
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Exchange	1,219.61
Deputation	75.00
Administration	402.28
	$17,600.52

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Editorial

A New Address

ATTENTION is called to the change of address of the office of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.). The Church and Women's Missionary Society offices have been moved to 100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto. Our new address is: Room 800, 100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto. The telephone will still be ELgin 4493.

Miss Pelton's Resignation

IT is with deep regret that, because no other course is open to us, we announce the resignation of Miss Laura K. Pelton, Young Women's Travelling Secretary, to take effect the thirty-first of May, 1938.

Miss Pelton came to us in 1925, giving voluntary service for eight months in the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia, and Alberta. During that time she was able to strengthen and uphold the devoted Presbyterian women who had faith in the future of our Society. In 1926, she received the appointment of Field Secretary. Then followed years of building and reorganizing from the far boundaries of Quebec across the Prairie Provinces to the Pacific Coast.

The Field Secretary work has altered with the years and the type of work undertaken in the early days was very different from the work required to-day. It was in the fall months of 1927, while continuing her work among the Senior Auxiliaries, that Miss Pelton began the new intensive programme among the young women. This work was concentrated in the larger centres and took the form of a lecture course on the Fundamental Principles of Missions. This was followed in 1932 by a second course of lectures on Leadership, and resulted in the organization in Montreal of our first Y.W.A. Leaders' Fellowship.

Realizing the tremendous importance of the young women to the Society, Miss Pelton, because of the contacts she had made, was set apart by the Council in 1934 as Young Women's Travelling Secretary. Since that time visibility has been given to many of her plans: the Study Charts, eight Fellowships across Canada, week-end camps, one week-end Conference of five Fellowship Executives, two Province-wide Y.W.A. Conferences, young women serving on Executive Boards, the whole work of the Department so enlarged that it now requires the services of two Travelling Secretaries,—and in this remarkable advance, her hand is everywhere in evidence.

Of the results which cannot be expressed in words no estimate can be given. Her magnetic personality, the high standards she set before them, her tolerance of the failure of others to reach her high goals, her keen sense of humour, the sacrificial quality of her service, and, above all, the place she has allowed them to share in her affections have endeared her to the members of our Society.

In expressing our regret at her withdrawal from our work, we would take this opportunity to also express our gratitude for the privilege of having had a young woman of such outstanding ability to give leadership to our work during the past twelve years. Her work has required many qualities, and Miss Pelton, so richly endowed with extraordinary talents and ability, has given unsparingly of those gifts in consecrated service to our Society. Her work has had, we believe, the quality of permanence and will continue to bear fruit through the years to come.

While we shall miss Miss Pelton's devotion and whole-hearted loyalty to the work which was entrusted to her care, we wish her much joy, happiness, and success in the new venture she is undertaking. —*F. D. Holman.*

Vacancies on the Council Executive Filled

TWO new members have been elected to the Council Executive: Mrs. J. A. Milne, who has for many years been actively interested in missionary work, serving as Student Secretary and then for two years as President of the Ontario Provincial Society, and Mrs. J. A. Hilts, who was from 1927 to 1930 President of the Toronto Presbyterial and for the past four years President of the Ontario Provincial.

Mrs. Albert Maas, who became a member of the Board in March, has been made Secretary for Manchuria and China, succeeding Miss Margaret M. Reid, who resigned at the end of 1937.

Deaconess Honoured

AT the anniversary social gathering of St. David's Church, Hamilton, on the 28th March, Miss Margaret M. Allan was presented with a silver tea service from the congregation, with which she has been associated for twenty-five years. For twenty-three years Miss Allan has been serving as a deaconess in St. David's, for the last twelve also assisting in St. Enoch's Church. In making the presentation Mrs. England, President of the Women's Own Association of St. David's, said: "She has been an inspiration, a real mainstay, a true friend, one whose influence for good has been felt in every branch of the work."

In April St. Enoch's Young Women's Auxiliary, which Miss Allan organized about six years ago, made a presentation to her, Rev. Donald MacInnes, the minister, paying tribute to her consecrated Christian character and her devoted service in that growing congregation. The

Women's Missionary Society Auxiliary and the Women's Guild of St. Enoch's also made presentations to Miss Allan.

After many years' service in St. David's and St. Enoch's, Miss Allan has recently been transferred to carry on deaconess work among the people of Knox and Calvin Churches in Hamilton.

Chinese Young People

THE report of the Chinese Young People's Society shows that this group, organized in Toronto a year ago under the leadership of Mr. S. J. Armstrong, has been very active. At the meetings held twice a month, the attendance varying from twenty-two to forty, the devotional service, with a Gospel message, is emphasized. The young people themselves are encouraged to take part, and now that the members have been divided into groups, each group is responsible for a meeting. During the year over $68 was raised for relief work in China. Those who are assisting in the work among these Chinese young people appeal for the sympathetic interest of our people, especially for the Christian sympathy and co-operation of other young people in the Church. They are grateful for the interest shown by some Toronto Churches and trust that this inter-church fellowship may continue.

Miss Wenger's Memory Honoured

OUR readers will be interested to know that in the new hospital at South Porcupine, which was opened in February, the women's ward has been named ''The Mary Wenger Ward'', in memory of Miss Wenger, Superintendent of the former hospital which was established by our Women's Missionary Society. Referring to the new hospital, the corner-stone of which was laid by Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll representing the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), a writer in the *Porcupine Advance* says: ''Glad as we are to have our fine new building, we all have a feeling of deep appreciation of the old hospital, which served us faithfully and well and during its term of service was a Godsend to a people who, before its inauguration by the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society, was without its blessings and ministrations.''

Indian Pupils Win Honour

HONOUR has recently come to the pupils of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School for the high standard of their work in music and art. Both pupils and teachers are to be congratulated on the results of their work.

Praising the Junior Band of the School as a unique organization and one that has ''lived up to the really splendid things I heard about it'', Maurice Jacobson, Adjudicator of the musical section at the eighth annual musical competition festival, awarded the highest marks of the festival to that band, giving them honour marks, with ninety points.

At the Y.M.C.A. Hobby Show in Kenora, the Cecilia Jeffrey pupils won over forty awards. Outstanding in the list are Nelson Wapioka, John Williamson, and Gerald Redsky. The exhibition consisted of water colours, posters, pencil sketches, maps, soap carving, wood carving, clay modelling, pine-cone modelling, fretwork—chairs, telephone stands, bird houses, trays—also weaving, toy making, needlework, and penmanship.

Half-Yearly Rate for the "Glad Tidings"

WITH the July-August issue of the *Glad Tidings* the half-yearly subscription rate comes into effect, twenty cents if included in a parcel to one address, twenty-five cents for individual mailing. The back numbers of the magazine—January to June—cannot be obtained at the lower rate; if all numbers are desired, the regular subscription rate must be paid.

The Council of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada will meet in Toronto during the last week of September.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada meets in Calvin Church, Toronto, from June 1st to 9th.

Two Little Missionaries

TWO new members have been added to the Church's missionary family: Sally Ruth, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. deCourcy H. Rayner, of Essequibo, British Guiana, born on the 22nd January, at Georgetown; and Peter, the son of Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Johnson, of Szepingkai, Manchuria, born on the 11th April at Moukden Medical College Hospital.

Chinese Women's Auxiliary, Victoria,
Miss Lamont in middle of front row.

A Goodly Heritage

> "There move among us those who see and walk with Him, whose utter devotion and high communion lift us all—thrice blessed are they. Let us be thankful for the privilege of finding such beside us in His vineyard; let us pray to share more worthily with them in the work; let us go out and bring others into a knowledge of their gracious opportunity."

THERE passed from our midst in April a well-known lady, Mrs. Joseph Henderson, who will be missed by many friends outside the family circle, which is large.

Mrs. Henderson and her sister, Mrs. J. J. Steele, who predeceased her, were the heritage left by their beautiful and wise mother, Mrs. Ewart, to the Presbyterian Church and the Women's Missionary Society of that Church. Mrs. Ewart was connected with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society from its formation. She was the first Recording Secretary and for four years a Vice-President, then in 1881 she became President, which position she held for sixteen years. She had many charitable and philanthropic interests, but her great work was that for foreign missions. Her sympathies were world-wide, but her energies were concentrated upon the work of our beloved Society. A friend writing of her many years ago said: "I think of her wisdom in giving her children such a wise and careful training and thorough education . . . . that it seemed impossible for them ever to take an irresponsible view of life and fail to realize that their lives were given them to be of the greatest benefit to others, in whatever position they might be placed." And, beyond her own daughters, she looked down the years and sensed the training which other daughters might need, and with her fellow Board members worked and prayed that a Training Home might be established. Some one has said: "To fashion the image is something, but to form the mould in which many images are cast is far more. He who converts a soul draws water from a fountain, but he who trains a soul-winner digs a well from which thousands may drink life eternal." At Mrs. Ewart's death it was found that she had left her household furniture and a substantial sum of money for a Training Home, when it would be started. In view of this and as a tribute of affectionate regard to her memory, the Training Home was called the Ewart Training Home. After eleven years, when the new order of Deaconess was established, the present name was given—the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home. Her name, however, was not forgotten, and her bequest of money was conserved as the Ewart Fund to assist students training for foreign service.

Mrs. Steele and Mrs. Henderson have followed closely in their mother's footsteps, each filling honourable and responsible positions in the Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. Steele, a woman of great ability, ever ready to help and lead in Auxiliary and Presbyterial offices, was elected in 1911 to succeed Mrs. Shortreed as President of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. During her Presidency the amalgamation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Women's Home Missionary Society took place; and in the Women's Missionary Society she continued her service as President until 1920, when on account of her health she was obliged to retire. As Honorary President, however, her interest was still keen and her advice valued. As chairman of the Candidates Committee, Mrs. Steele was in close touch with all students, until they became our missionaries, and indeed always.

Mrs. Henderson, who has gone so recently from us, became a member of the Board of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in 1907 and held the responsible position of Secretary for Honan until her resignation in 1917. She was intensely interested in all the work of the mission fields, and, Honan being her special care, not only did she feel that the Women's Missionary Society workers there were her particular charge but that each missionary family belonged to her, and every child was remembered by name. I am sure many in the years that have passed have a very loving memory of her thought and interest.

Since the Ewart Fund was started, many a young woman has been helped on her way during the days of preparation for that great service, and since Mrs. Henderson became the sole administrator of the Fund her benefactions have enriched it. Even after she was debarred from acting as Secretary for any one field, her assistance and interest have been felt in many places, especially in making it possible to conserve the time and strength of our workers overseas. She was a good steward and it gave her an immense amount of joy to give, yet what she did she did quietly, not desiring publicity or praise. Mrs. Henderson was always very reticent about her gifts, but both on the overseas fields where we now work and on those where we once worked there are many mementoes of her generosity.

In recalling these memories we would not be unmindful of the heritage and its continuance, through children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. May these gracious and consecrated women cause in us a feeling of thankfulness that we were privileged to walk with them in bringing others into a knowledge of their gracious opportunity.

For all the saints who from their labours rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

—*Jessie Parsons.*

The soul is capable of an infinite expansion, which is guaranteed and reached through love. Our destiny is to grow through love into the life of all things.

The Onward Sweep of the World-Wide Christian Movement

FOR the N. A. Powell Lectures for 1938, at the Canadian School of Missions, Dr. K. S. Latourette, Professor of Missions and Oriental History at Yale University, took as his general subject, ''The Onward Sweep of the World-Wide Christian Movement.'' Taking a statesmanlike view of the whole Christian movement, he surveyed the past history of Christianity and the present condition of the Church, and then indicated the direction in which Christian missions of the future may be expected to move.

He began with the thesis that Christianity, in the nineteen hundred years of its history, has spread by a series of ''waves''; that, from the standpoint of geographical area covered, influence on cultures with which Christianity came into contact, and vitality, each high point has been followed by a recession, but that, thus far, each of the high points has been higher than the preceding and the recession after that high wave has not been so low as the one before. Thus, in the course of Christianity, there has been a marked upward movement. In such a study, Dr. Latourette reminded his hearers, it is difficult to measure the effect of Christianity upon the culture with which it comes into contact, but of many a phase of culture, of many a movement for the improvement of the conditions in which men and nations live and work it can with some assurance be said that it came into existence as an impulse from Christianity, that it is a product of Christianity, or that Christianity is one of the producing factors. The third standard of measurement is the vitality Christianity has shown in giving rise to new movements—as, for example, the monastic organizations of the Middle Ages, Protestantism, and sometimes new denominations, all of which are indications of *life*. Dr. Latourette indicated four main ''waves'' in the history of Christianity: from the beginning to about 1000 A.D., with the high point between 400 and 500 and the low about the year 1000; from 1000 to 1500, with the high point in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries and the low about 1500; from 1500 to 1800, the high in the latter part of the seventeenth century and the early part of the eighteenth and the low about 1800; and the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, a high point about 1914, with ''a new low somewhere in prospect''.

Before the Nineteenth Century

Christianity began in an unexpected place, with an obscure Jewish sect— ''God has,'' he declared, ''a way of breaking out in unexpected places and at unexpected times.'' In the next 500 years this sect was the only one to break out of the bonds of Judaism and the only one to capture the Roman Empire, giving rise to the Christian Church, to the

New Testament, and Christian theology,—''in a world that had ceased to say or do anything new.'' So vital was Christianity that new things did come into existence. The early Christians interested themselves in the act of God and the salvation God had brought into their lives; they had no thought of a ''social Gospel'', of transforming the Roman Empire according to the Sermon on the Mount. Most of the main features of Greek and Roman culture were not profoundly affected. There were some changes in amusements—in gladiatorial combats and the theatre; some influence was seen in art, as in the basilica, but, on the whole, the old art was made over for Christian use; law showed some evidence of Christian influence, but, in general, it was as in pre-Christian times. Except in sweeping away paganism, Christianity had little influence. Then came a tremendous reverse—the Empire collapsed and the structure of life with which Christianity had become identified almost disappeared. As a result of the Moslem invasion, Christianity was supplanted in a large part of Europe; almost at the same time came one of the most destructive invasions, from the north. Internally, too, the Christian Church showed signs of decay: the Papacy reached a low level, and Christianity declined.

Then came a revival, from an unexpected part of the world—from western Europe, where Christianity had been most recently established and which was not supposed to be one of the centres of civilization. Various monastic orders came into being—the abbots of Cluny, the Cistercians, Franciscans, Dominicans—and groups such as the Waldensians and the Lollards, showing new life in the Church. Christianity spread geographically more than ever before, west to Greenland and east to China. Moreover, it helped to create a great new culture in western Europe, where it had a more profound influence than on the Roman Empire. Gothic architecture was largely the product of the Christian impulse; sculpture and painting showed its influence, and all intellectual life. Most of the universities were the creation of the Church. The Christian impulse, too, gave rise to many movements for the welfare of the people: hospitals, asylums, orphanages appeared; in the age of chivalry attempts were made to correct many abuses and curb the war spirit. Thus a new ''high'' in Christianity was reached in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. A recession followed. Although not so low as the preceding one, it was a decided depression marked by territorial losses, Christianity almost disappearing from China and Central Asia, except for a few Christians in Persia and Mesopotamia and the Syrian Church in India. The Byzantine Empire fell before the Turks—Asia Minor and Constantinople had been the great stronghold of the faith—and Western Europe was terrified of Moslem conquest. The Papacy was dominated by the King of France; then came the Great Schism, and the Renaissance Popes, the Borgias and the execution of Savonorola,—

a period when the Christian Church was mocked and satirized. Thus, about 1500 the Church had sunk to a low ebb.

Again came a new wave, with the Protestant Reformation and such leaders as Luther, Zwingli, Calvin, Knox; and in the Roman Catholic Church a revival, the formation of the Society of Jesus, and a different type of Pope. From the standpoint of practice Christianity reached a new ''high'', as in geographical range. It circled the globe, missionaries going with the early explorers into America, Africa, and India, and affected Europe more deeply than ever before. The next low level was reached at the end of the eighteenth century, with a period of intellectual scepticism and disdain, followed by the French Revolution, with decay in the Roman Catholic Church and parts of the Protestant. Again Christianity began to die in China and to recede in India. But this ''low'' was not so low as the preceding one.

From 1815 to 1914

The nineteenth century—that is, from about 1815 to 1914—was a time of great prosperity, of great vigour in Occidental civilization, a century of relative peace, a period marked by great progress in scientific knowledge, in transportation, and in the use of machinery, by the accumulation of riches, and the growth of population. It was a time of expansion of European peoples, including those of European stock in the Americas, Australia, New Zealand, and Africa. In 1914, Dr. Latourette declared, no part of the world was independent of white domination, cultural, political, or economic. There was a feeling of hopefulness, of indefinite expansion, of growing power, and, as the century went on, concern for the welfare of subject peoples.

It was in this world of optimism and of benevolent imperialism that the nineteenth century missionary movement began, the outreach of Christianity into the so-called non-Christian world. It was the time of the greatest vigour of Christianity, which had never been so widespread or had so great an influence. It marked a new ''high''. At the beginning there were little communities in most parts of the world; during the century these were doubled or quadrupled. In some places Christianity more than kept pace with the growth of population. In Africa, China, Japan, India, and the islands of the Pacific the Christian Church showed a great increase. After the scepticism of the eighteenth century, the French Revolution and the Napoleonic wars, which had dealt the Roman Catholic Church a great blow, Roman Catholicism came back: more new orders arose than in any preceding century—a sign of life; the spiritual authority of the Pope over the Church was accentuated; the general life of practising Catholics was raised. In the past century, too, Protestantism became primarily a Christian and religious movement. There always was a deep current of religious life, but not until the nineteenth century did that current of religious life become predominant. There were movements within Protestantism—revivals in the United States and Great Britain, the Oxford Movement bringing new life into the Church, and the rise of the Free Church of Scotland after the Disruption, together with the beginning of the Young Men's Christian Association, which spread through the Protestant world and much of the non-Christian world, the Sunday School movement, the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour, the world-wide expansion of the Salvation Army, the Student Volunteer Movement; and the rise of new denominations,—all indicative of new life in the Church.

From the standpoint of its effect on civilization, Dr. Latourette stated, the nineteenth century is the highwater mark of Christianity. Slavery was abolished because of Christian influence. The cross, which in the Middle Ages, was used as a symbol of war against the non-Christian world, became, with the Red Cross Society, a symbol of mercy, of alleviation of suffering caused by war. Schools and universities arose, many of them of Christian origin. The effect of Christianity was profoundly felt in India, China, and Japan. Thus, Christianity reached its highest point in the hundred years from 1815 to 1914,—from the point of view of geographical extent, new movements, new influence of Christ on the lives of men, and greatest internal vitality.

Greatest Century of Christian Missionary Movement

It was the greatest century of the Christian missionary enterprise,—from the standpoint of extent, and of the men and women involved in it. There were more missionaries than at any other time, and they were supported by the voluntary contributions of millions of Christians. That widespread popular support of missions by lay folk was new in the nineteenth century; back of it all, the predominant motive was a disinterested love of God and of lost souls. The missionary movement shared the general optimism of the Occident, and some of its imperialistic dreams. It was thought of as an indefinitely expanding enterprise, in terms of the world's conquest.

The missionary was a *pioneer*. He shared, as, for instance, David Livingstone, in the task of exploring the earth's surface, and in altering, or doing away with, certain aspects of other cultures, such as tribal wars, polygamy, ancestor worship, bound feet, thus unsettling social customs and helping to disintegrate family ties. These changes, Dr. Latourette explained, would have occurred with the spread of the white man's wares, even had the missionary not gone. He was a pioneer, too, in broadcasting a knowledge of the Christian faith, translating the Bible into hundreds of tongues, many of which he had first to reduce to writing, organizing schools, going about preaching, and selling tracts,—the initial stage of giving a knowledge of the faith. Moreover, he was a pioneer in helping to rebuild non-European cultures with the better elements of Western culture and Christian ideals incorporated in them. Numerically there was not great progress, but the Christian Churches still increased in greater proportion than the population. Outside of the Church, too, the influence of Christian culture on life was very great. Through education, medicine, and social work was brought about a kind of mass conversion to Christian culture. Missionaries were also pioneers in helping to bring into existence the Christian Churches, and during most of the nineteenth century they led in those Churches with amazing success. Then they began pioneering in welding the Christians of the world together in a world-wide fellowship. It was, therefore, a pioneer stage, of Western people leading in a hopeful age, in an atmosphere of expectation. Since 1914 we have moved into a very different world.

Since 1914

Although it may seem that Christianity is now in a period of recession, Dr. Latourette sees indications of great growth ahead. In contrast to the hundred years ending in 1914, these last years have been predominantly a period of fear. In spite of optimism in some quarters, always there is an undercurrent of fear, even in Italy and Germany: fear of war, not just because of the death-dealing possibilities of aeroplanes, etc., but because of the disruption of the world that comes with war, in the highly complex structure of modern economic, industrial, commercial life; fear of revolution and collapse; and, too, fear of the unknown, fear that we are near the edge of the precipice, ready to topple over. This atmosphere, Dr. Latourette emphasized, is not due to the war of 1914-18. Before 1914 forces were already at work leading to the present state of society. The feeling of apprehension goes back to earlier causes, to the basic sinful weakness of human nature. ''Poor frail, sinful human beings are not competent to manage the huge machine they have built up.'' Everybody is afraid of war, but no one feels able to *do* anything. Some transformation within the lives of men is needed, so that when people think straight they will *act* straight, and the power for that is in the Christian faith. This period, too, is characterized by the recession of the wave of European political and economic imperialism, of European expansion. The missionary enterprise, begun in the midst of the expanding Western world, is now in a period when the Western world is withdrawing or being driven out.

Another aspect of the time is the decay of the older historic religions, except Christianity, and the rise of new ones. Most of the historic religions appeared in the 1300 years between 650 B.C. and A.D. 650; from 650 to 1938, another period of about 1300 years, no *new* religious system has emerged. Even Christianity has met with reverses —in Russia, Germany, and Mexico. To-day are found what are in a sense new religions, in a sense the revival of old paganisms: nationalism with Fascism, with Communism, or with the Emperor worship of Japan,

—nationalistic religions strengthening barriers between nations at a time when the world is looked on as a neighbourhood. This, Dr. Latourette reminded his audience, is no new experience for Christians. Repeatedly they have been dismayed to find themselves faced with a disintegrating world; but when the existing society was destroyed, they built again. The symbol of the Christian faith is the Cross, which meant tragic or futile defeat to those who witnessed the Crucifixion. ''Yet no single event in all history has been so potent as what happened that Good Friday and Easter. After Good Friday comes Easter, and after Easter comes Pentecost, and they are *facts.* If we would see the world as it is, we must see not only facts as they are related to-day, but also the facts of Easter and Pentecost.''

What has been happening in the world missionary movement since 1914? There has been a recession in personnel and funds. Some Boards, chiefly in the United States, have withdrawn men for lack of funds; the decline, the greatest in 150 years, began about 1925. In Britain, in spite of a tremendous war debt and loss of life, there was but a slight decrease in giving and personnel. Some of the problem has been due to the situation in Germany, the chief Protestant country of Europe. Immediately after the World War, with a call to carry missions throughout the world, there was, especially in the American Churches, unnatural stimulus to giving beyond the normal range of giving according to conviction; and many missionaries were sent out. Then came the reaction, and about 1925 a period of church building in the United States. In that year began a decline in giving; with congregations burdened with mortgages less money was available for missions. Then came the depression. From 1914 on, the United States had contributed a little more than half of the missionary funds of the world, so that the falling-off there meant a decrease in personnel and giving. The decline does not necessarily mean a decline in missionary conviction, or a lack of missionary zeal.

There is, however, a more favourable side to the situation, and much encouragement. There has been growth in Roman Catholic missions since 1914, with increased givings, more and better missionaries, and a higher quality of work. There has been, too, continued and very encouraging growth in the Protestant Christian community,—amazing growth in Equatorial Africa and in India, and a substantial growth in China (about a fifty per cent. growth in Eastern China). The quality of Church life in China has been improved. Evangelistic work has advanced in Japan. In Moslem lands there has been a remarkable breaking away from Islam. The Netherlands Indies have seen a very substantial growth in the last fifteen or twenty years. Moreover, there has been growth in leadership in the so-called younger Churches—they have produced able Christian leaders—,growth in self-reliance, and, in spite of financial depression, in self-support. There is, too, more co-operation throughout the world, and that is something novel in Christian history. Protestantism is very divisive; Protestants find it difficult to co-operate; yet in the past twenty-four years, they have been coming together as never before in the history of Christianity. The International Missionary Council was organized only after 1914; and the new World Council of Churches is a post-war development. Most of the National Christian Councils and the organizations of the ''sending'' countries are of post-war origin. Protestant forces are coming together just when the nations are drawing apart. The beginning of a world-wide Christian fellowship is emerging. Churches are exploring new types of Christian unity, not insisting on uniformity, although the great truths of the Christian faith are held in common, but finding a basis of love. ''It is a day of great adventure and great hope.'' People are more and more seeing the breadth of the Christian message, not relinquishing the Gospel for the individual, but trying also to make it operate in new areas, seeing implications not before thought of, as in regard to war.

Belief in World Christian Mission Stronger than Ever

The world Christian mission, Dr. Latourette believes, is just at the beginning, because of the need of every individual for salvation—the eternal reason for giving the eternal Gospel to the world—,the obligation on Christians, inherent in the nature of the Christian faith, to evangelize the world, that is, to aim at giving to every creature an intelligent idea of the Gospel; and because the Christian faith is essential to undergird the emerging world culture of to-day. In spite of the fact that barriers between states are rising, the outward forms of world culture are spreading. If there is to be order and peace and justice within that world culture there must be a spiritual and moral foundation, and the only hope for that lies in Christianity; other systems are restricted to nation states or are declining. Christianity has had an upward course. It becomes, therefore, the continuing obligation of Christians to strengthen the world-wide Christian enterprise. The Sermon on the Mount will not be fully incorporated in a world society, but past human experience gives basis for hope that enough of Christian principles will permeate society to leaven the whole; that the Christian faith will, more or less slowly, make its way through human society as a modifying and growing force. ''The Christians hold the world together.''

From the Madras Conference

Referring to the Madras Conference, Dr. Latourette spoke of what might be expected from it and how the Churches ought to move. Evangelism should continue to be stressed, giving the Gospel by life and word to the present generation. In India the movement seems to be towards mass evangelism, especially in Protestant circles. In the nineteenth century the stress was on admission of individuals or small groups to the Christian Church, but now it is a question whether there should be a reversion to earlier methods of group or mass conversion, trusting to the post-baptismal instruction to establish converts in the faith. No one rule can be laid down, Dr. Latourette stated, but the processes of evangelism will have to be re-examined. In the second place, there must be emphasis on the on-going Christian community; it must be emphatically *Christian*; if Christianity is to go on it must be through a Christian community. So far Christian principles and ideals have persisted in other cultures because of the presence of the foreign missionary, who was the dominant figure, the representative of the Western peoples, bringing in Western education, medicine, etc. Resistance to Westerners is increasing, and likely to increase. If Christianity is to continue to permeate those lands, it must be through a real Christian community, the Church. That continuing Church must be emphasized. In the nineteenth century the emphasis was on schools, hospitals, literature, public health, and the broadcasting of the message, rather than the *building* of the Church; the aim was said to be a self-governing, self-supporting and self-propagating Church, but in practice energies were divided, and in some cases the building up of the Church was the minor part. The leadership, lay and clerical, in those Churches must be developed, and unpaid voluntary workers trained as leaders; and more thought given to the nourishing of the community. It will, however, be tragic if emphasis is put on simply building the Church for its own purposes; the local Church that is concerned with itself alone, Dr. Latourette warned, is not fulfilling its full mission. The day for the foreign missionary is not passing. The younger Churches are too weak numerically to go on without his help, too weak to bring the Gospel to all. Through missionaries, too, our Churches can help build up a world-wide *conscious* Christian fellowship. There is no single road to world Christian fellowship. It is partly coming into existence in a variety of ways. The International Missionary Council is the greatest agency, but the World's Sunday School Association, the World Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations, international Church organizations, all have their part.

In conclusion, Dr. Latourette reaffirmed his faith and hope. ''God is a God of hope, giving all joy and peace. The hope is more solidly based in our day than in the first century. We have ground for confidence that the God in whom we trust is not to be defeated, gives not the spirit of fear, but the power of love and of a sound mind.''

Abandon the sole ends for which I live,
Reject God's great commission and so die?

—*Browning.*

Suggested Changes in By-laws

THE following suggested changes in the by-laws have been approved by the Council Executive and will be presented to the Council at its meeting in September.

(In the laws relating to Provincial Advisory Committees, 1936 Annual Report, pages 216-17).

1. That the second paragraph of Section 1 be amended to read: The Provincial Advisory Committee shall be a committee of the Council, nominated at the annual meeting of the Provincial Society and elected by the Council.

2. That from Section II (a) the second sentence (In cases of emergency etc.) be deleted, and that Section II (b) be amended to read: The Provincial Advisory Committee shall inform the Council Executive of any opportunity for extension of Women's Missionary Society work in the province.

3. That Section II (c) be amended to read: Subsequent to passing on such information to the Council Executive, the Provincial Advisory Committee shall confer with the Presbyterial Executive where the work concerned may lie, which in turn shall lay this information before the Presbytery affected. The decision as to the carrying out of such requests rests with the Council through its Executive.

4. That Section III be amended to read: The work of the Provincial Advisory Committee shall be presented by its convener at the annual meeting of the Council.

5. That Section IV be amended to read: Representatives of the Provincial Advisory and of the Presbyterial Executive shall confer with the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery concerned in regard to the establishment and carrying out of the work of salaried workers of the Women's Missionary Society (not in institutions).

(The Council and Council Executive By-laws, 1936 Annual Report, pages 217-221).

6. That Section 1 be amended to read: The Council shall meet annually in Toronto.

   The Council Executive shall hold its stated meetings at such time and place as it shall appoint.

7. That Section II be amended to read: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Council and of the Council Executive, and perform such other duties as are incident to the office. She shall call special meetings of the Council at the request of the Council Executive or of three Provincial Boards, and special meetings of the Council Executive at the request of five members thereof. She shall be ex-officio a member of all standing committees.

8. That Section VI (a) be amended to read: The Young Women's Secretary shall have supervision of the work of her department; conduct all correspondence with the Provincial Young Women's Secretaries in the interests of the Young Women's Department; and encourage the organization of young women's groups and the circulation of missionary information. She shall arrange with Provincial

Boards, through the Young Women's Travelling Secretaries, the deputation work of the Young Women's Travelling Secretary.

9. That Section VIII be deleted.

10. That Section XVI be amended to read: The Candidates Secretary shall receive all inquiries about, and applications for, missionary service. She shall provide applicants with all necessary information, and by correspondence or conference shall endeavour to sustain and strengthen the missionary interest of those seeking service with the Women's Missionary Society.

11. That Section XX be amended to read: The Nominating Committee shall be composed of twelve members of the Council Executive, six of whom shall be the Provincial Presidents. The Convener shall be one of the six members resident in Toronto. The Council Executive shall fill all vacancies occurring during the year. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee, through its Convener, when a vacancy occurs, to ask for nominations from the Council Executive. The Committee shall meet at the time of the annual meeting of the Council and, from the Executive elected by the General Assembly, shall submit nominations for the officers of the Society.

12. That in Section XXII the word ''Council'' be substituted for ''Biennial Council or Enlarged Council Executive'' and that the last sentence of that first paragraph be deleted.

Lord of the Quiet Heart

Lord of the quiet heart, who knew the sound
  Of raging streets with anger loud,
Yet walked serene in faith that saw
  Beyond the blindness of the crowd—
    Help us to find the even way
    Through all the clamor of this day.

Lord of the gentle eyes, who saw the bright
  Spear points beneath Thee gleam and toss,
Yet heard with tenderness the thief's
  Faint cry for mercy from His cross—
    Remember us, that we may hear
    The whispered hope, the accent near.

Lord of the steadfast will, whose vision clear
  Saw all the travail of the years,
Beyond which lies the world to be
  That knows no human wrath or tears—
    Help us to see with eyes unsealed
    Thy harvest that the years shall yield!

—Arthur Wallace Peach, *New York Times.*

Prayer

O GOD, who hast made us for Thyself and whom our souls seek after, grant us Thy presence throughout this beautiful month of June. We thank Thee for the gift of life and for the powers of body and mind Thou hast bestowed upon us.

We give thanks at the remembrance of Thy mercy toward us. For all that we have learned of Thy holiness and love and have experienced of Thy power and willingness to help us, for all that Thou hast made Thy Son Jesus Christ to be to us, and for the comfort and guidance of Thy good Spirit, we praise and magnify Thy name.

Grant, O Lord, that amid the various activities of this day we may so abide in fellowship with Thee that we shall conduct our ordinary business as Thy servants. Give us a vigilant and prayerful spirit. Save us from coldness of heart, from blindness to the good that is in others, from condemning when we ought to pity, and from passing by when we ought to pause and help.

We pray Thee, O Father, to extend Thy Kingdom of righteousness and peace over the world. Be with our missionaries who are the great ambassadors of peace in lands beyond the sea. Give them courage and endurance in this time of strain and stress and may their reward be more souls won for Thee.

O Father, we beseech Thee to hallow family life in our land by purity, gentleness and piety. Let reverence for things sacred and the love of duty increase among us. Strengthen the young to resist the temptations of youth.

We now commend to Thy care all whom we love, praying that they may ever be under Thy protection and that they may obtain eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we unite in ascribing honour, glory, and praise, world without end. Amen.

Let knowledge grow from more to more,
But more of reverence in us dwell;
That mind and soul, according well,
May make one music as before,

But vaster.

—*Tennyson.*

With Our Deaconesses

Saskatoon, Sask.

THE first three months of 1938 are over. The so much dreaded cold weather has gone and we have not suffered as much as we anticipated. To-day the ground is covered with snow, which makes one feel hopeful for the future. Many have suffered from lack of clothing and in some cases of food, but we are glad to be able to turn to our bales and give clothing to those in need.

Starting on my second year in Saskatoon I feel more at home and, knowing the people better, I hope to be able to do more work this year.

The hospital visiting still proves a large piece of work. One woman was in the hospital from the north of Saskatchewan for two months. Each week when visiting in the hospital I visited her and she seemed to appreciate it very much. This family are homesteading in the north and the children have had no opportunity to receive Sunday School papers. Through this contact at the present time the Presbyterian Church is sending Sunday School material to the children. This is only one case of a patient in the hospital from out of town with no friends in the city. Another woman came into the hospital with her son to have an operation. I was able to supply her with Sunday School papers to read, to help shorten the long hours for the boy. The mother had no friends in the city and appreciated a visit as well. As the Sanitarium is only twenty minutes' walk from the street car, it is possible to visit the Presbyterian families there as well. The majority of the patients are from out of town and welcome a visit.

Then there are the shut-ins to be visited more often than those who are able to attend Church, as a month or so seems a long time to such people.

The attendance at Pleasant Hill Sunday School has increased slightly, which has been encouraging. First the deep snow and then the mud proved obstacles for the children to attend Sunday School and Mission Band, but after spending one summer in Saskatchewan one learns to be glad to see the snow and mud.

In the four Sunday Schools Mr. Brown is encouraging the children in the memorizing of Scripture. At each radio service a portion of Scripture to be memorized is announced. The Sunday before Radio Sunday a competition is held in each Sunday School and the one repeating the passage of Scripture perfectly, having the best enunciation and the best radio voice, competes with the children from the other schools. The radio station in Saskatoon has kindly made arrangements to have the children speak at the studio, from one room to another. The one having the above qualifications repeats the passage over the radio on the following Sunday. This has created interest not only in Saskatoon but throughout the province, as the name of each child who learns the Scripture perfectly is announced over the radio. Mr. Brown has received many letters telling of the interest of children in day schools as well as Sunday Schools. It is interesting to hear from the boys and girls from our own Church who are teaching school in the country. A girl from Quill Lake, Saskatchewan, visited our Young People's Society last Tuesday night and told how the people in their district meet in their home to listen to the radio service the first Sunday of each month. The radio has proved a great blessing to those who have not a service during the winter months. No one can estimate the good Mr. Brown is doing by having radio services monthly. Another group tells about buying a set of Mr. Brown's sermons. Once a month a Church service is held; it is conducted by the people themselves and one of Mr. Brown's sermons is read.

—Mabel M Booth.

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Brownvale, Alberta.

MY house was very comfortable this winter. I quite enjoyed the winter and did not find it at all long or unusually cold for a Western winter. We have such beautiful clear, frosty days out here that even freezing is quite painless and one really does not know that it is happening. I enjoy coming home ten or fifteen miles late at night after a service. The nights are so clear and bright and the northern lights always beautiful.

The Mission Bands are very enthusiastic and are taking full charge of their own programmes now. Our Young People's Society is progressing very well and the members are practising for a play now. I am hoping this week to organize a new group here in Brownvale, a girls' group, probably Canadian Girls in Training. There are quite a number of girls in town, and from one to three miles out, who are anxious to have such a group. There is nothing at all in this country for boys and girls, and children nine and ten years old attend the dances regularly. It seems that girls, especially, miss so much when they do not have some interest outside their school, like C.G.I.T. or a Girls' Guild.

I have not been able to get nearly so much visiting done in the northern district as I should have liked to, on account of Mr. Fraser's health, but of course Miss Madill covers all that territory very thoroughly. As soon as the weather is mild enough, so that I can take my team up and stay for a week, we are planning to go over the northern part together. As I have covered this district in the past few weeks, I will be free to spend some time north as soon as the weather permits.

We are hoping to have a student in the other field we took over and it will be a great help to have that field looked after, as with Mr. Fraser ill, it is not possible to have service very often at eight points, when there is only one to take services.

I am enjoying my work more and more every day and I am looking forward to the spring and summer work.

—*Gertrude Rollo.*

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Shaughnessy, Alberta.

WITH the skating season past, our Young People's meetings have been well attended and we are looking forward to some real results. We invited the Y.P.S. from St. Andrew's Church in Lethbridge to visit our group on April 14th. I thought this visit might prove beneficial to both groups.

Our Ladies' Aid and the Women's Missionary Society Auxiliary continue in much the usual manner. Already we have finished piecing a quilt for the missionary bale. We hope to have a quilting-bee as soon as the weather is warmer.

Our Sunday School in Shaughnessy seems to be progressing very well, with an attendance of over fifty and sometimes over sixty. It was difficult to get to Rolling Hill and Commerce during the winter.

Our girls in Shaughnessy are working hard towards a camp fund and we are hoping to have at least four or five days near some lake or river. Money is so scarce here that I think we will do well to manage even so short a time. On Friday we are having an amateur concert at which we will sell popcorn and candy, so we ought to get in a few more dollars.

—*Frieda Matthews.*

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Vancouver.

I AM busy with work in three districts. Early in the New Year, at Mr. Wishart's request, we got some work started among the children and girls of Buchanan Church. A C.G.I.T. group was organized with Miss Flora McMillan, of Mount Pleasant Church, Vancouver, as leader and myself as assistant leader. The group is too large for one person. . . . Our group is very enthusiastic and ready to work. They always have several plans for things ahead that they want to do. Four of the girls in the group were at camp with me last summer, and it was the interest and enthusiasm they received there that has helped to build up such a fine group now. There are sixteen girls now, and I understand more are intending to join.

The Mission Band endeavour has not met with much response. I have five little regulars and we are having such happy little meetings together it seems too bad more are not enjoying them. Recently at a Ladies' Aid meeting I made a plea for a helper and one of the ladies said she would come. She was here last week and perhaps she will be able to do something about getting more children out to our meetings.

The Children's Leaders' Council of Vancouver, of which I am chairman, held a Children's Leaders' Work Conference early in March. It proved to be quite a success. It was held in Central Presbyterian Church on a Saturday afternoon and evening. Miss Fountain of the Religious Education Council and her staff assisted, else we could not have promoted such a pretentious affair.

When Miss Lamont was in the city we arranged for a social afternoon, so that the ladies of South Hill might hear her speak of our Presbyterian work. South Hill is where I have the Sunday School and there is no other organization of our Church in the district. The ladies used to have a Women's Association, but it was disbanded and the little money on hand was turned into the Sunday School funds. This gave us a good start towards buying our Sunday School supplies and papers. Since then, our collections have come up so well that we are carrying on very nicely financially. The little Sunday School at South Hill is a joy to us all. We were fortunate in getting good teachers to help in it. . . . Now there are 36 on the roll. Just now we are trying to get in some chorus practices for our Easter service, which is to be an open session for the parents and friends to attend. As we have no place of meeting through the week, everything has to be done on Sunday morning before or after Sunday School, which is held at eleven o'clock in the morning. We could easily have a Mission Band here, if we could meet in some hall or house. It may be possible to hold some house meetings with the children soon, now that the weather is better. My Bible Class has only five girls, but what a satisfaction it is! Their response is so heartening. They asked to meet occasionally on a weeknight for further Bible study.

About sixty or sixty-five children attend the Sunday School in the Knox Mission district. I have not visited in every home as yet. It is a scattered district, and, besides, there are so many calls to make in both these districts; Knox is not very far from South Hill, where I have charge of the Sunday School. Dr. Cameron, as Convener of the Welfare of Youth Committee, has given me the finest consideration and assistance. Through him we have kept the evening service going at Knox Mission all winter, arranging week by week for a speaker.

Commencing with April the Home Mission Committee have arranged with Rev. W. Bell, formerly of Nanaimo, B.C., to take over the work in Hunter Church (Dunbar) and Knox Mission and have the oversight of South Hill. I am to work with him, except that Hunter is not included in my districts. Mr. Bell will hold morning service in Hunter and evening service at Knox Mission. We shall make some opportunity for him to meet the people of the South Hill district.

—*Shirley V. Scott.*

Winnipeg, Man.

WE have been very busy at Elmwood. We have about twenty out each week at the prayer-meeting. . . . The women of the Mothers' Meeting, helped by a few of the younger girls, put on a play, ''Aunt Dinah's Quilting Party'', and it was very good. Then we had some other items, too, community singing, etc., and sold ice cream and candy. I think we ought to clear about $25. We are putting the play on for the Calvin Church Young People. Last night the committee of the First Church Young Women's Auxiliary met here to talk over ways of raising money, and I suggested they sponsor the Elmwood women in First Church, so that we may have another engagement. . . .

The Mission Band and C.G.I.T. at Elmwood are taking the Sunday evening Easter service and are putting on ''He is Risen—Go and Tell''. I think it will be very effective. Next Sunday Rev. David Johnstone comes to Elmwood and I take his evening service. The ministers are supposed to help us out in that way once a month.

—*Hazel M. Macdonald.*

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Montreal, Quebec.

DURING my first three months in Hochelaga I visited all the families in the congregation and made a survey of about three-quarters of the district, to locate Presbyterian families or those who are not attending any Church.

We now have a minister. When we came, out of 133 members only about thirty-five would be out to service on Sunday. Now the attendance has doubled and we had nearly 100 out at Communion recently.

The Sunday School is a flourishing organization. There are about 104 scholars and the new minister is taking an active part in the Sunday School, and has started a training class for the teachers. . . .

They have quite a good little W.M.S. Auxiliary. They were only arranging their meetings from month to month, but we have now the programme arranged for until the autumn.

Outside of the Sunday School and a small dramatic group amongst a few young people, there is nothing for the young people. They did have a Mission Band and Young Women's Auxiliary at one time, but it was all allowed to drift. . . . After the Sunday School's Easter pageant I am contemplating getting a Mission Band started before they break up for the summer. Then in the autumn we hope to have some organization among the young people.

—*Iris E. Munro.*

The First Year in Kirkland Lake

By Miss L. MacArthur

THERE is probably no place in this country in which people may be more easily interested than in Kirkland Lake. It matters not in what company the name of Kirkland Lake is mentioned; people are at once interested, and ask many and varied questions about this Northern Ontario mining centre. Although Kirkland Lake has a population of 22,000 or more, it is not a city, but merely a post-office in the township of Teck. It has not been incorporated, in order to keep taxes as low as possible. Even so they are high.

The community is built upon solid rock, we are told. Many of the sidewalks climb over rock, and have steps to assist the traveller on his upward climb. On one street a person may stand at a certain point and look many feet down the face of rock to the road below. Here and there all over the place rocks are in evidence, jutting up through the soil.

Many mines are in the vicinity. Their names will be familiar to you—Lake Shore, Wright-Hargreaves, Teck Hughes, King Kirkland, Macassa, Sylvanite, and many others. In connection with each of the mines there is a property, in which are company houses occupied by the officials of the company and heads of departments. The men who work in the mines, underground, and in the mills live in the town, so called. The Wright-Hargreaves Property, where I live, is only two or three minutes' walk from the chief business street, Government Road. The grounds are fenced, and there is only one entrance. A gateman stationed in a little house at the gate allows no one to enter without knowing the reason for so doing. The mine is not more than two city blocks from the house where I live, and the general manager's home is even nearer the mine. It was a great thrill to me, when first I lived here, to be so close to a gold mine. The houses are comfortable and fitted with all modern conveniences. The grounds are well kept, and in the summer with the lawns, trees and shrubs, flowers, roads, and paths through the trees, it is like living in a park.

The Presbyterian Church came to Kirkland Lake just one year ago (in March, 1937). Rev. C. J. MacKay was the minister chosen to open up the new field, and one feels that in that choice there was Divine guidance and human wisdom. From the beginning services have been held in the Masonic Hall, a very much used building. Owing to shortage of school accommodation, it is used as a school five days of the week. By the way, the school situation here is a serious one and will be even more acute in the future. Every year there are enough babies born here to require a new school for them when they come to school age. We are very anxious to have a church building, but the Board of Management is experiencing great difficulty in securing a site.*

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* As we go to press word comes that a lot has been purchased and plans are being made to build a church.—Editor.

Our Sunday School is a flourishing department of the congregation. The first Sunday of the month is missionary day, when the offering goes to missions and a missionary story is told. The Mission Band is the joy of my life. We have two groups of Canadian Girls in Training. For Easter the girls have made book marks, which they plan to send to the scholars in our Indian School at Kenora, Ontario. Young people's work in a community such as this must be a large part of the Church's work, if it is to measure up to its responsibility and opportunity. The Young People's Society has sponsored the ''Fireside Hour'' after the evening service. At these gatherings there is a sing-song, sometimes an address, at other times pictures; usually a discussion of a question or questions from the Question Box. The most interesting discussions have been: ''Should the Church take the lead in bettering social and economic conditions?'', ''Should a Christian take part in Sunday sport?'', ''Is a lie ever justified?'', ''Is the present relief system in Canada helpful or harmful to a greater extent?''

The women of the congregation meet twice a month in the homes. As they meet alternately afternoon and evening, every woman has an opportunity to attend at least one meeting a month. The ''shift'' system in the mines makes regular attendance at Church services and meetings almost impossible for many people.

A Deaconess Designated

AN impressive service was held in Stanley Presbyterian Church, Montreal, on Wednesday morning April 20th, when Miss Martha A. Hamilton was designated as a deaconess of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, having been appointed to work in the congregation of Stanley Church. The service, under the auspices of the Presbytery of Montreal, was conducted by the Moderator, Rev. J. B. Maclean, D.D., assisted by Principal F. Scott Mackenzie, D.D., Rev. George Whillans, D.D., Rev. Allan S. Reid, D.D., and Rev. William D. Reid, D.D. Mrs. W. A. McLennan, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), on behalf of the Deaconess Board, presented Miss Hamilton for designation, stating that during her course at the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home she had won the scholarship for Knox College subjects, the Ritchie-Bell Essay Scholarship, and the proficiency award given by the late Dr. John Stenhouse. As Moderator, Dr. J. B. Maclean, Miss Hamilton's minister at Huntingdon, conducted the dedication service.

Dr. George B. Whillans, who had been the family's pastor for over forty-five years and had baptized her, spoke of her early life, her many fine qualities, and her fitness for this deaconess service. Born in Lancaster, Ontario, she was still a child when her family moved to Quebec. Since 1926 her home has been in Huntingdon. After taking correspondence courses for two years with the Moody Bible Institute, she went to the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home in Toronto to train as a deaconess. For the last few months she has been working in Stanley Church.

Mrs. George Whillans, on behalf of the Huntingdon Auxiliary, presented Miss Hamilton with a Life Membership certificate and pin. Greetings were extended by Mrs. W. A. McLennan from the Deaconess Board, on whose behalf she presented the deaconess pin to Miss Hamilton; by Mrs. J. W. Dougherty from the Provincial Society; by Mrs. Charles Johnson from Montreal Presbyterial; Miss C. E. Cameron, Vice-President of Quebec Provincial, Mrs. Owen Rede Campbell, and Mrs. McCleery, President of Stanley Auxiliary.

Grateful for the Supply Department

THAT the Supply Department is not only ministering to the material needs of many men, women, and children throughout Canada, and assisting in the work of Indian Schools and hospitals, but also by its generosity and sympathy bringing new hope and courage to many homes is abundantly evident from the appreciative letters received by the Secretaries.

''We are very grateful for all you have sent us; every article is welcome, especially the women's coats, scarves and mitts.''

''They were certainly wonderful bales. I am so thankful for the good supply of print and winter dresses and so many good coats! The underwear and stockings should certainly keep our children warm this winter.''

''On behalf of our needy people and with hearts full of gratitude, we acknowledge the receipt of your wonderful bale, which arrived in good condition. There will be many a mother made happy and so many little tots made warm through the cold winter which is just starting in.''

''It was a very pleasant surprise to receive the lovely fur-lined coat. I did not have a winter coat for my long drives, and I certainly appreciate the thoughtfulness in including it.'' (From a missionary.)

''The nice doll sent by the Mission Band I gave to a little five-year-old-girl from a very poor family. The little one was a patient in our hospital when the box arrived. I suppose it is the only nice doll the child has ever had. She has had it in bed with her ever since.''

''Just now I have two sick babies that I have been visiting every day for more than two weeks and I am so glad to be able to keep them supplied with the extra clothing they need, without feeling that I am taking from the maternity outfits with which I furnish the expectant mothers just before the arrival of the babies. . . . Thanks, too, for the useful dark quilts which are the most suitable for the Indians. I had given out all that I had, with the exception of a few that I keep in case of sickness, and I was very thankful to have a few more on hand to 'come and go on'. One always has to be prepared for emergencies.''

''The weather turned very cold to-day and there are many children who have not warm clothes, so I shall endeavour to have the clothes distributed within the next few days.''

''I received your bale of clothing in due time and in good condition. Thank you very sincerely for it all. It will help much in my work. I have a very large district. I have five preaching points, covering thousands of acres of partly cleared and bush territory. Many here are returned soldiers and many are from the dried-out areas. I am situated about seventy miles west and a little south of Tisdale and the settlers are from nearly all parts of the world, but a good many came originally from Ontario.''

''The women have been busy these past few weeks sewing and knitting. We are making the flannelette up into warm underwear for our old people and the little children.''

(From a girl whose family had been burned out). ''Thanks a hundred times. My parents were sincerely glad. My little sister was so pleased with her doll, she hardly knew what to do with it. My brother was very glad of the books. Mother and Dad were very glad, too. They said I should write you in their name because they cannot write in English. My dad said, 'We shall have a nice Christmas, after all.' We were all so glad that I cannot even tell you how glad.''

''All articles in the parcel are very much appreciated by myself and family, and it is accepted in the spirit it was sent, for only thoughtfulness for others prompted the action. After quite a few years of poor crops due to lack of moisture and soil drifting we were unfortunate this year in having a complete crop failure, and as the amount allowed for clothing on relief is very inadequate indeed, I again thank you.'' (This woman did not write in for clothing, but the deaconess found out about them from one of the members of the Church.)

''I received the clothing you sent and it means so much to us on a homestead and we have made so much use of everything that was sent. I hope I shall be able to do something for the Church in return for the donation of clothing we so badly needed.''

''The children's clothing certainly goes down in a hurry. When there is not anything to fit I try to send something that can be made over. I have enjoyed so much opening the bales. When requests are coming in we begin to wonder what we are going to do. But every time we go through our boxes we seem to find just the thing we want. How small our faith must be when we read that if we 'have faith as a grain of mustard seed we shall say to this mountain, remove hence to yonder place; and it shall be removed; and nothing shall be impossible to us'. One cannot help but feel that God provides for His children; for always there is a way made.''

Publications Department

By Margaret Ness

BECAUSE of the meeting of the International Missionary Council at Madras, it has been decided that the Auxiliary study book should be on India, beginning in January 1939.

For Auxiliaries wishing to do some preliminary reading on India, may we draw attention again to a few of the books recommended by Miss Pelton as excellent material? **The Untouchables' Quest** (35c.), **India on the March** (50c.), **India Insistent** ($1.00), **India Looks to Her Future** (50c.), **India in the Dark Wood** (65c.).

A Study Kit has been prepared for Girls' Organizations; it contains **Lady Fourth Daughter of China**, a study of conditions of life in modern China; **Willow Pattern**, a charming story for girls; **Deep Waters**, a play based on **Lady Fourth Daughter of China**; a chart illustrative of our Chinese work in Canada, and Programme Trails. This will be ready for distribution in the summer. Price 75c.

The Mission Band study book is called **Talks on New Ways in the King's Service.** The preface explains that this book ''tells of the way in which the messengers of Christ are using modern scientific developments as their aids in the carrying of His Good News,''—modern transport by road, sea, and air; modern research in preventive, as well as curative, medicine; modern methods in industry and agriculture, etc. Supplementary material relating particularly to our own work will be inserted in the study book, which will be ready for distribution in the summer. Price 35c.

The second edition of **Goforth of China** is now ready. New price $2.00. The new price of $1.00 on **How I Know God Answers Prayer,** by Mrs. Goforth, is still in effect.

May we remind you again of our own publications and leaflets? There are the two biographies, **Agnes Dickson** (45c.) and **Dr. Jessie MacBean and the Hackett Medical College** (20c.); the supplementary material booklet, **Gleanings from Home and Overseas Reports 1936,** in which extracts from the workers' reports that could not appear in the shortened Annual Report are printed (25c.); and the leaflets, **Our Korean Work in Japan** (7c), **As We Work Among the Indians** (5c.), **Chinese Work in Canada 1925-35** (3c.), **The Chinese in Canada** (5c.).

A great light came upon me, and I heard
The God's voice singing in a nestling lark;
Felt His sweet wonder in a swaying rose;
Received His blessing from a wayside well;
Looked on His beauty in a lover's face. . . .
—*Edwin Markham.*

AUXILIARY PAGE

Dear Auxiliary Members:

I AM sure we all appreciate this new feature in our magazine—a page to ourselves. Shall we show our appreciation by making the best possible use of it? Here is a splendid chance to get desired information and to share with others what we have found to be helpful.

This is June, the sixth month, the end of the first half of the year. I am sure we all began the year with high hopes, great expectations, and a determination to do bigger and better things. Half of our time has gone. Have we realized one half of our objective? Shall we check up on our achievements? Have our meetings been so interesting that those who were absent were made to feel that they had missed something vital? Have the younger women been attracted to them and membership increased? Has the story of need as presented month by month aroused a desire for greater activity and more intercession?

And what of our financial objective? Have we secured half of it? The need was never greater. Are we systematic and regular in our givings or spasmodic, hoping for a grand ingathering at the end of the year? Have we constantly kept before our people the need for expansion in all our fields both at home and abroad, urging that the work for which our own Church is responsible should be given first consideration by every Church member.

And not only of ourselves would we think. What of the other branches, the other members in our Women's Missionary Society? Have we given to them the sympathy and support that their leaders desire and that will help to make them more efficient?

Perhaps these are hard questions to answer, but let us give them serious consideration, resolving to make this year the best in our history.

June means summer. For some it means leisure, a time to read and plan, to clarify the thinking and catch fresh visions of future possibilities. What reading matter to take! The *Glad Tidings* is full of interesting, vital messages from living messengers for Christ who are our representatives on the fields. Take it with you. Then, too, there are all those missionary books which you have wished to read, but for which no time could be found. Take them with you, and a note-book for extracts which will be useful in preparing future programmes.

Summer—in the out-of-doors! A time for quiet meditation and intercession. (*The Secret of the Abiding Presence*, by Dr. Andrew Murray—15 cents—would be a good companion.) Work on the fields must be carried on then as at other times. Difficulties must be met, problems solved, and children cared for. Our prayers are needed then as always.

But this is not a holiday season for all. Many remain at home. May they, too, find opportunity to

> ''Go forth beneath the open sky
> And list to Nature's teachings''—

and time to read and plan for the rest of the year.

How about a summer gathering at the beach or park, or in some one's garden, when all the Women's Missionary Society family and their friends, from the tiny Mission Bander to the grandmother who, perhaps, is a Home Helper, could spend a happy afternoon with game, song and story—to say nothing of the inevitable picnic lunch? Thus would the bond binding our different branches be strengthened, the importance of our work would be emphasized, and perhaps the amount in our treasury increased.

Summer! A time to plan. Four months yet remain in which to round out the year's work. For September why not have a rally, urging every member and friend to be present to give a good start to the fall work? As subscriptions to the *Glad Tidings* are to be in early in November, at the October meeting specialize on the *Glad Tidings.* The whole programme might be taken from its pages, and new subscriptions received. The November meeting will, of course, be a Thank-offering meeting. Make it a special occasion and a real giving of thanks. At the December meeting the whole year's work will be passed in review. May the story be one of achievement and increases all along the line—even exceeding your objective. ''We can if we will.'' Shall we say: We can *and* we will?

Whether at home or away, I wish you all a happy, profitable summer.

—*P. B. Lamont.*

Father Divine, the sunrise gloweth bright;
I rise to do Thy will;
The Love that kept me through the passing night
Can guide and keep me still.

Fear cannot enter where the Love Divine
Doth ever dwell,
The guidance and the strength alone are Thine
And Thou doest all things well.

The weight of a decision unto me
Doth not belong.
Thou rulest all: I look alone to Thee
And in Thy strength am strong.

The power of Love alone the world can sway;
Good shall prevail;
If naught but Love reign in my heart to-day,
Nothing I do can fail.

—Anonymous.

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. John D. Holman, *Secretary*

THIS month we reach the half-way mark in our year's work. As we take stock of what we have accomplished, what do we find? Have we realized our objectives? Have we completed what we set out to do? If not, now is the time to do something about it. Do not leave this extra effort until the end of the year. Perhaps, the following meditation may give us a new determination to strive more earnestly to do our task.

The Gift Reveals the Giver

> ''God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.''

This verse tells of the greatest Gift the world has ever known. Jesus, God's Gift, reveals to the human heart far more of God than mere paper and ink can ever convey. Four characteristics of God the Father are definitely revealed in His Gift and all are suggested in the words of the above verse.

1. GOD'S GIFT REVEALS GOD'S LOVE
   ''God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.''
2. GOD'S GIFT REVEALS GOD'S VISION
   ''Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.''
3. GOD'S GIFT REVEALS GOD'S WISDOM
   ''The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.''
4. GOD'S GIFT REVEALS GOD'S POWER
   ''He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life.''

If Jesus, the Gift of God, reveals to us God's love of us, God's vision of the needy world, God's wisdom in providing a way of escape from sin, and God's power to save, surely our gifts also reveal us to God.

Take a backward look at your gifts of the past half-year, to test yourself by them. Centre your thoughts on the gifts which you plan to bring in the remainder of this year as gifts to Him, week by week, month by month. Ask yourself: What do my gifts reveal of my love for Him who gave all for me, of my vision of this sin-stained world, of my knowledge of the way of salvation, and of my faith in God's power through Christ to save all men everywhere? If you are not sure that the revelation made through your gifts is in line with what you feel in your heart, will you sacrifice even more, until you are confident that, seeing the gifts, God will know the depth of your love? Then you will know the secret which Jesus sought to disclose, but which has been kept from many of us: ''It is more blessed to give than to receive.'' —Adapted from the *Presbyterian Survey.*

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. John Kelman, *Secretary*

By the breadth of the blue that shines in silence o'er me,
By the length of the mountain-lines that stretch before me,
By the height of the cloud that sails, with rest in motion,
Over the plains and the vales to the measureless ocean,
(Oh, how the sight of the greater things enlarges the eyes!)
Draw me away from myself to the peace of the hills and the skies.
—*Henry Van Dyke.*

Dear Leaders and Girls:

AGAIN summer is here and the call of the open air comes to us with an insistence that may not be denied. Visions of days at camps long past, memories of long, dreamy days and clear, silent nights come to us and kindle within our hearts a longing for camp days again; memories, too, of fellowship and the spirit of camaraderie with kindred souls, of friendships made that will last through life. Camp brought to us somehow the realization that God was very near. Away from the bustle and rush of everyday living we had time to think about Him.

You who have been to camp are doubtless making plans to be there this summer, and we hope that those of you who have not known the joy of camp life will take the opportunity this year of becoming acquainted with this most fascinating form of holiday; that you will experience the joy of living in the open air, basking in the mellow sunlight, enjoying the luxury of gazing at far horizons, and in the evening watching the ever-renewed splendour of the setting sun. Then the happy fellowship of the camp-life, and night in its unspeakable beauty—the darkness pierced by myriads of stars, the silence broken only by the chirp of a cricket or the complaining voice of a frog in a nearby pond, and over all the brooding sense of peace and quiet; we feel that we are friends with all the world. Add to this the daily activities, swimming, handcraft, Bible study, and, above all, learning to live with other people—all these are yours at camp.

Why not make up your mind to spend your holiday at camp this year? Although it may not be the case in all parts of the Dominion, for the most part, camps are easy of access. A note to the Provincial Secretary will bring you full information regarding camps in your province. If you are so situated that a stay at an organized camp is impossible, why not have a stay-at-home camp? This has been tried with great success in many places. Write to Miss V. Tennant for information about this exciting holiday in your home town.

Let us resolve to make it a camp holiday this summer and, in the shadows of the curling smoke from the camp-fire, renew old friendships, make new friends, and lay up in store many happy memories for the winter days ahead.

MISSION BANDS

Mrs. A. R. Riddell, *Secretary*

THIS month we have the stories of Anne Johnson, the little daughter of Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Johnson, our missionaries in Szepingkai, Manchuria; and of Frank, Ray, Grace, and Dorothy Zia, the children of Rev. Z. K. Zia, of the Christian Literature Society, Shanghai, China. (Word has come that Anne Johnson has now a brother, Peter, born April 11th.)

Anne Johnson (in the flowered hat).

''Anne Johnson was born in Peking, China, May 17, 1936—the only white baby in the hospital's nursery of Chinese babies.

''For at least nine months of the year Anne has no playmates except Timmy, our dog. Timmy used to play in the nursery with Anne every morning, until we discovered the two of them chewed the same things, and Timmy liked to get the sawdust out of all the stuffed animals!

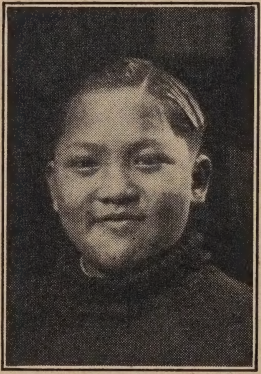
''Just at present Anne is learning to ride her kiddie car, though she has difficulty in keeping a straight course. And her pounding board takes most of her attention, her hammering making so much noise that her father can hardly study Chinese in his study below. She loves the tumbling down part of 'Ring-Around-a-Rosie'.

''Anne tries very hard to carry on conversations, but her vocabulary revolves mostly around 'slipper', 'dollie', 'sugar', 'doggie', 'Da-da', and 'Christmas tree'!

''Her father and I tried to give her her first hair cut the other day, but after pinching her ear and scratching her neck and getting a most uneven line, we took her to a Japanese barber. If Anne had black hair instead of fair, she would look very Japanesey with her short bob, shaved in the back as the little Japanese girls have.

''Last summer at the seaside, Anne and a little friend used to ride to the beach every morning in baskets slung over a donkey's back. That was every bit as much fun as playing in the water and eating as much sand as possible without being seen.''

''Our eldest son is Frank Zia. His birthday is January 2, 1927. He likes to ride on a bicycle, and is fond of outdoor life. He can eat a lot and has a good nature. He used to go to our Fitch Memorial Church school, but this term he goes to the Municipal school with his cousin. He also takes lessons at home. He likes to read the newspaper, for just now there is a lot that is interesting and exciting. He is fond of hearing his teacher tell him stories, both Biblical and otherwise.



Frank Zia.

''The second son is called Ray Zia. His birthday is June 12, 1928. He is fond of indoor life. He can play the piano rather well for his age. He likes to cook. He does not eat very much. He is not as fat as his brother. But he is also active. He may become a mechanic, for his hands are clever. He studies in our church school.

Dorothy Zia.

''Next comes a daughter, named Grace Zia. Her birthday is December 29, 1929. She studies in our church school. She has a sweet disposition, and is rather studious. Her grades are better than her brothers'. She plays the piano.

''The smallest daughter is called Dorothy Zia. Her birthday is October 15, 1933. She came to the world after the first Japanese undeclared war in Shanghai. She is very sensitive. She is very active and interesting. She likes dolls very much. She is fond of reading, too.''

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. C. E. JAMIESON, 1610 12TH AVE., W., CALGARY, PRESS SECRETARY

WE extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. A. McVicars, Red Deer, Provincial Exchange Secretary for several years, in the death of her husband on March 29th, and also to Mrs. R. S. Gibson, First Vice-President, whose husband passed away on April 9th.

Edmonton P.S.—On two occasions recently Mrs. D. McLean, first Vice-President of Edmonton Presbyterial, has been a guest speaker at St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Edmonton. Her first address on ''Prayer'' gave great inspiration to this very devoted group of women who, regardless of difficulties, do their part in all departments of missionary work, notably supply and library, besides always contributing upwards of $100.00 to the general fund. In April Mrs. McLean gave an interesting account of the Provincial meeting at Calgary. Mrs. R. McRae, Provincial Treasurer, by request, laid before the Auxiliary a plan which, if followed, will make 1938 and all years to come successful spiritually and financially.

Red Deer P.S.—Delegates to the Provincial meeting included Mrs. A. D. Bradley of Olds and Miss Grace Murray of Willowdale, who led the devotions at the opening session; also Mrs. Steedman of Red Deer, Miss Mosebach of Willowdale, Mrs. S. T. Chisholm and Mrs. J. E. Day of Rocky Mountain House, Mrs. W. Carmichael and Mrs. P. Webber of Carstairs. Mrs. H. Jack's report as Presbyterial President stressed the value of the sectional meetings held throughout the past year.

Macleod P.S.—Through the kindness of the late Mrs. W. Swain, of Kingston, Ontario, St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Lethbridge, received a bequest of $30.00, with the request that an In Memoriam certificate and a Life Membership pin be presented to a very dear friend in the person of Mrs. Charles Van Horne, a member of the Auxiliary. Mrs. Swain always showed a deep interest in this Auxiliary, and the members greatly appreciate her kindness. Their sympathy goes out to her family in their bereavement.

Calgary P.S.—The C.G.I.T. group at Banff, of which Mrs. D. M. Morgan is leader, is gaining in numbers, five new members having joined at the April meeting. They are taking up a definite study of missions and supporting missionary work with their offerings.

Mrs. George Rae, new President of the Calgary Presbyterial, presiding at the April meeting, expressed appreciation to Mrs. T. Rodger and the other executive members who carried on during her recent illness. The Supply Secretary had all supplies ready, all allocations having been met. The Mission Band Secretary had visited all the city Bands and found them studying, sewing at quilts and other hospital supplies, and making scrap-books. One Band was to take part in the Auxiliary Thank-offering meeting by giving the Bible reading and two choruses and taking up the collection. The Welcome and Welfare work was reviewed in the light of present conditions, and its scope more clearly defined. Out-of-town Auxiliaries and churches are urged to make use of this department by forwarding names of persons moving to the city, including those coming to hospitals and sanatorium. The Young Women's Secretary spoke of the interest created in the work of the deaconesses through the play presented by members of the city Young Women's Auxiliaries. Grace Church Auxiliary and Sunday School sponsored the Rev. J. F. Goforth's illustrated lecture on China. Grace Church Auxiliary delegates, Mrs. A. W. McCaskill and Mrs. G. Metcalfe, had visited the various groups as requested, presenting items of interest from the Provincial meeting.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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THE opening session of the twenty-fourth annual meeting of the British Columbia Provincial Society in St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, on the evening of April 12th, was of particular interest and importance, because this year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the first Presbyterian Mission Band in the province. Mrs. R. M. Thomson presided and the opening devotions were conducted by the Rev. Duncan Campbell. Mrs. Thomson read a message of greeting from Mrs. W. A. McLennan, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), and the Rev. J. S. Sharkey brought greetings from St. Andrew's Church, after which a chorus was sung by the girls of the Sunday School choir, conducted by Mrs. Sharkey. Mrs. Postill, daughter of the Rev. R. Jamieson, the pioneer missionary of the Church in the Fraser Valley district, with headquarters at New Westminster, was introduced and in a series of reminiscences told some things that stood out in her memory of her father and mother, both of whom were valiant servants of the Lord and lovers of His Word, which they knew and studied faithfully. She told of her father travelling in an Indian canoe up and down the Fraser River to the settlements then in existence, conducting Sunday services alternately in each direction. This was done at all seasons of the year and in all kinds of weather. A short history of the Society's work in New Westminster, compiled by Mrs. Rennie, was read by Mrs. Mannering.

The Mission Band formed in 1888 with Mrs. Scoular as leader included all the women of the Church, from grandmothers to young girls. Two charter members, Mrs. A. H. Gordon and Mrs. W. J. Corbett, were present.

In 1891 this Band became the first Woman's Foreign Missionary Society Auxiliary, under the same leader. Three members of this first Auxiliary were present: Mrs. Rennie, Mrs. McNee and Mrs. Vert. Mrs. W. J. White of Ladner, Historian of the Provincial Society, welcomed them, and Mrs. Thomson presented them with nosegays. In 1898 the first Presbyterial was formed and since then the work has spread through all the Province.

The meeting was followed by a social hour. Mrs. Thomson, Provincial President, and Mrs. D. A. Fowlie, President of Westminster Presbyterial, presided at the tea table, which looked very lovely with a three-tier birthday cake with its fifty candles.

On the 13th and 14th April sessions were held in Central Church, Vancouver. After the opening devotions, in charge of Victoria Presbyterial, there was a service of remembrance for all members who had died during the past year. Questions arising from reports were to be handed in in writing, to be discussed later. In 1937 from this Presbyterial Miss Rollo had gone as a deaconess to the Peace River country and Miss Magee as a missionary to India; from Vancouver, too, Miss Pauline Esler had gone to Toronto to take deaconess training, and Miss Negoro as Assistant Young Women's Travelling Secretary. The work of Miss Ellen Douglas, while on furlough from India, was much appreciated. Departmental reports all showed grounds for thankfulness and encouragement. Nearly all stressed the need and efficacy of prayer in the work. In this connection, Mrs. Allott, of Victoria, formerly of Alberta, told of the prayer pledges of Alberta members, which had proved a power in the work there. Miss Gertrude Scott, of Victoria, and Miss Yeandle, of Vancouver, reported on the Chinese work. The principal work in both cities is with the kindergarten, where the teaching of the Scriptures is begun with Bible stories. It has been found that one child who becomes interested brings others. Work is also carried on with the young people and the women. Unsettled political conditions in China seem to have united the young people here.

Miss S. V. Scott, deaconess in Vancouver, explained that the purpose of her work is to strengthen the Church as well as to instil a knowledge of missions. She conducts Sunday School where there is no church and has Mission Band meetings. Encouraging features are increased enrolment and a desire on the part of older children to study the Bible.

The treasurer reported a small increase. She asked for definite prayer for the allocation, because money dedicated to this purpose is no longer a material thing but a spiritual one. Systematic giving would solve difficulties in this department. Treasurers were urged to send in their money early, as obligations have to be met in the first half year as well as the last.

The President, reminding members that this is a year of Jubilee in British Columbia, asked them to compare their difficulties with those of the women of pioneer days, and to think how great must have been their faith. In the early '70's our first missionaries were sent out, and fifty years ago women were mainly concerned with our northwest Indians, India, Formosa, and Trinidad. Information was scarce and letters were slow in travelling. To-day modern means of transportation and communication have brought our work to our doors. At Sinai God gave His people laws concerning their year of Jubilee. As in the fiftieth year every man should receive again the land of his inheritance, might we not also at this time of Jubilee regain possession of what some have lost? Faith, love, hope are a part of our inheritance from the early Christian Church, possessed by the children of God through the centuries, and by those women who started and carried on our Women's Missionary Society. May we also possess them, as we go forward through the coming years!

After discussion on proposed changes in the constitution and by-laws, Mrs. Allott, of Victoria, gave an address on ''The Words of Christ''. All the activities of the Society, she said, were covered by His words. The same question faces us as faced Pilate: ''What shall I do with this just man?'' Shall we keep Him or shall we send Him to others? The progress of Christianity is one of the wonders of the world; its following has doubled in the last 100 years. It is we who have failed, not Christianity.

The evening of April 13th was Young Women's evening. The opening devotional service, ably conducted by a group of girls of Central Church, Vancouver, was an inspiration. Miss Frances White's report of Girls' Organizations was encouraging, showing how the activities benefit the girls both spiritually and physically. Young Women's work is steadily growing, and the young women as they graduate from one group to another are not lost to our Society. Mrs. Wyllie presided during the election and conducted the installation of officers. In the closing words Mrs. Allott took the Easter message as her central thought.

MANITOBA

Mrs. George Reynolds, 218 Young St., Winnipeg, Press Secretary

THE Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, held its Easter Thank-offering meeting on April 5th, with about sixty-five members and friends present. The devotional service was conducted by Rev. W. G. Maclean. The speaker, Miss Maureen Westgate, who represents the Church Missionary Society in East Africa, is at home on furlough. She described her experiences in the European school, whose pupils are all white children,—a few Germans, but mostly British. She also gave a description of the country, with its animal and plant life. Mr. Maclean spoke briefly, exhorting the members to a more aggressive expression of Christian principle and spirit. He referred to the great rival of Christianity to-day—Communism.

The Women's Missionary Society Auxiliary of Norwood held its Thank-offering meeting on April 13th. Mrs. George MacLean took the Scripture lesson. A programme of song and readings was given by the C.G.I.T. under the direction of Miss A. Jervis and Miss A. McPherson. The

Presbyterial President gave a fine Easter address. The meeting closed with prayer by the Provincial President, Mrs. A. Evans.

The Women's Missionary Society Auxiliary, of Knox Church, Stonewall, held its Easter Thank-offering on April 7th. The special speaker was Mrs. J. S. Flook, who gave an inspiring address on ''Walking with the Risen Lord''. A delightful solo, ''God Will Take Care of You'' was sung by Miss Hazel Sinclair.

ONTARIO

MISS E. MACBETH, 206 HAVELOCK STREET, TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

Provincial Annual Meeting

GALT, ''the city of hills'', was the scene of an enthusiastic gathering of missionary women from the greater part of the province when the 24th annual meeting of the Ontario Provincial Society was held in historic Knox's Church, April 26-28. Mrs. J. A. Hilts presided at all sessions. Rev. James D. Smart, Ph.D., minister of Knox's Church, conducted the opening devotions and welcomed the delegates to the church and city. Mrs. W. P. Gamble, President of Guelph Presbyterial, in her greetings, expressed the hope that as a result of the meeting spirits would be refreshed and interest revived. A Service of Remembrance was held for the late Honorary President, Mrs. J. A. Locheed, of Hamilton, and Miss E. L. Mowat, Kingston, Honorary Vice-President, who were called to higher service during the year. Dr. M. B. Davidson, of Central Church, Galt, bringing greetings from the Synod of Hamilton and London, said that our missionary work depends, to an amazing extent, upon the devotion, fidelity and enthusiasm of our women.

A delightful play, ''The Blue Bowl'', was presented by the C.G.I.T. groups of Central and Knox's Churches. In an inspiring worship service on Tuesday evening, Young Women's night, on the theme ''Mary of Bethany, the woman of quiet'', Mrs. Ekins dwelt on three incidents recorded in the Gospels: the supper scene—the woman of quiet under provocation, knowing when to speak and when to be quiet; the woman of quiet in sorrow, sitting in her home, the quiet of meditation; and the woman of quiet in consecration—she had no eloquent words like Miriam, no gift of service like Martha, but she gathered all her savings together and poured them forth in consecration. In our busy lives we have so little time for quiet; we miss much when we do not take time for meditation. ''We would do more if we did less''.

Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, Reg.N., wearing a rich red silk Indian *sari*, was introduced by Mrs. A. R. McMurrich. She made a strong appeal to her audience in her address on ''Love''. That there is a selfish as well as an unselfish love she showed by stories of sacrifice, service and protection. Sad and beautiful scenes were pictured as she told of the women living in purdah seeking protection behind the veil and of the fears and superstitions of the people of India that hamper the work of missionaries. ''The motive power behind love must be Christ. The love of Christ makes demands. May the God of Love help us to meet these demands.'' Miss Laura K. Pelton gave a comprehensive picture of world missions to-day. She told of the women in India, China, and Japan, of millions of people in these three great lands who are breaking away from old traditions. What an opportunity to present Christianity to them! She closed with the thought that the door of the Orient is open as never before and through that door go Christianity, Fascism, Communism, together with secularism and materialism. Which will be supreme? We need to get a vision of our world-wide task, to have a conviction that our Church has a place in that task and that through the guidance of God's Spirit we can perform that task.

Greetings were received from the Synod of Hamilton and London convening in Wingham, the Niagara Diocesan Board of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Church of England in Canada in session in Hamilton, and from Richard Stewart, President of the Ontario Young People's Societies. In her message the President stressed the motto for the year, not ''Forward'', but ''Forward with Christ''. ''At all costs we must re-establish faith in spiritual values; adapt our minds to new conditions, not afraid of change, at the same time not concern ourselves too much about building new 'bars of stimulation'. Perplexities should drive us to prayer and prayer drives out trouble. Action without prayer is like a shuttle without thread. Not forward alone in 1938, but Forward with Christ!'' From the Council Executive and the five sister Provinces Mrs. W. A. McLennan brought ''the warmest and kindest greetings'', stating that all who were present had come to give and receive help. ''Striving makes us strong,'' she said. ''May we never get to the place where we do not have to strive. 'A man's reach should exceed his grasp'—that is what makes us ambitious and makes us work. Do not say: 'We have done our best.' That would mean perfection and none of us have reached that state. . . . The work of our Society is to build a world-wide Christian community. We need a long view. We cannot get it from a level; we need to climb. What a vision for us to see! What a work to do! Let us get a vision of the children in Mission Bands, the girls in C.G.I.T., Young Women's and Senior Auxiliaries, all striving for the one thing. Let us count it a privilege to help.'' Informative and very interesting was the Financial hour conducted by Mrs. C. H. Thorburn who paid a fine tribute to the Council Executive for bringing the Society through difficult years without a cent of debt. Wednesday evening reached the peak of the meeting's theme, ''Forward with Christ'' when Dr. Stuart C. Parker, of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, spoke to an audience of over eight hundred, on the subject, ''The Political Significance of Missions''. He drew attention to the difference between mixing in practical politics and exerting an influence on politics. The influence of Christianity on the nations is greatly needed to-day. He charged that the morals of American movies, the frank self-seeking of Western commerce, the corruption of Western politics, a falseness in advertising, press propaganda and the search for pleasure had their effect on non-Christians. They have a contempt for everything about us but our bombs and battleships! ''The secret of the world's peace and welfare lies in the expansion of Christian missions with their influence for good on the politics of nations.''

The closing session brought the election and installation of officers and a stirring address by Mrs. D. Strachan. Mrs. Strachan pleaded that in this day, when criticism of all kinds is abroad in the world, we keep criticism out of our Society's work,—that is, *carping* criticism; all welcome constructive criticism. ''I ask you,'' she said, ''what connection there is between criticism and a falling budget?'' Mrs. Hilts, the retiring President, thanked everyone for the loyal support given her and expressed the wish that the coming year would be a most successful one. Mrs. Strachan welcomed the new President, Mrs. John Williams. Guests of honour at the sessions were Dr. Margaret O'Hara and Miss Bertha Robson. The bountiful supper provided on Monday evening for the Board of Management and Presbyterial Corresponding Secretaries was deeply appreciated, and the generous hospitality of the hostesses and Auxiliary and Presbyterial members, St. Andrew's Church choir, conducted by Rev. J. J. Lowe, the combined choirs of Central and Knox's Churches, conducted by Mr. E. Dowling and Mr. E. C. Johnstone, and the solo by Mr. Johnstone. An invitation extended by Miss Blanche Armstrong, President of Hamilton Presbyterial, to hold the twenty-fifth annual meeting (the silver anniversary of the Society) in Hamilton next year was unanimously accepted. Delegates and their hostesses were guests of the Galt, Hespeler and Preston Auxiliaries at afternoon tea.

Report of registration: 26 Provincial officers; 4 missionaries; 276 delegates, including 24 Presbyterial Presidents; visitors 336; total 642.

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Petrolia Auxiliary in Sarnia Presbyterial fittingly observed its fiftieth anniversary, with three charter members present. Rev. R. J. Hay, pastor of the Church, conducted the devotions and brought greetings from Presbytery. Mrs. S. Stokes, first Treasurer, welcomed the guests. Mrs. T. Robson, Windsor, first President, gave interesting reminiscences and Mrs. Andrew Elliott reviewed the history of the Society. Mrs. C. H. McDougall gave an address on ''Present Day Work of the Women's Missionary Society''. A pageant, ''Guardians of the Light'', was presented by the Young Women's Auxiliary and the Girls' Organization. A social hour was enjoyed, the tea table adorned with a three-story birthday cake. Strathroy Senior and Young Women's Auxiliaries were privileged in having Miss Laura K. Pelton as special speaker at their Easter Thank-offering meeting. The

Easter Thank-offering service of Forest Auxiliary was conducted by the Young People's Society of the Church and the Crusaders Young Women's Auxiliary. An impressive address on ''The First Eastertide'' given by Miss Jessie Saunders and a short sketch ''The Lady Joanna'' were special features. At an Easter meeting of Forest Mission Band thirty-one members were present; Mrs. MacOdrum gave an address on ''Easter Thoughts''.

Blytheswood Auxiliary in Chatham Presbyterial, which has fourteen enthusiastic members, held its Easter meeting at the home of a member who retained her connection when she recently moved to a town about twenty miles distant where there is no Presbyterian Church. Every member and eight visitors were present and a most interesting programme was presented. The Blytheswood Mission Band, which meets in the school with the Principal and assistant teacher as leaders and all the pupils of different denominations attending, presented an Easter programme for parents and Women's Missionary Society members. The proceeds of a baking sale added to their funds. The Alexander Bartlett Auxiliary, Windsor, held a successful St. Patrick's tea and baking sale, and Knox, Windsor, a spring tea. Ridgetown Auxiliary at their Easter Thank-offering meeting had a Salvation Army officer as the guest soloist.

At its Easter Thank-offering meeting Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy addressed Knox Church Auxiliary, Midland, in Barrie Presbyterial, and showed lantern slides of the work at Jobat Hospital, India. Mrs. A. C. Stewart and Mrs. J. A. Benson led in the devotional service. In Collingwood an interesting evening was held when Rev. J. F. Goforth gave an illustrated lecture on ''China and Her Peoples''. The annual Happy Birthday party of Penetanguishene Auxiliary, always looked forward to, was this year saddened as it was also a farewell to Mrs. M. W. Heslip who, with her husband Rev. W. M. Heslip, has gone to Prescott. An interesting evening was enjoyed by the Young Women's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church, Duntroon, when ''The Life of John Knox'' was discussed.

The annual meeting of Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial was held in Pembroke. Mrs. J. A. Hilts conveyed greetings from the Provincial Society and gave inspirational addresses at both evening sessions. Rev. L. Fowler, Renfrew, Moderator, brought greetings from Presbytery. Dr. Margaret O'Hara spoke on India. Mrs. J. A. Hilts conducted the installation service.

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THE end of the year sees the casting up of accounts and the balancing of our books. This means a certain amount of retrospection. We see that through plans fulfilled and unfulfilled, plans successful and plans failing, there has still been an over-ruling Providence that has brought us to a haven greatly to be desired. And so again Knox Crescent Church, Montreal, was the scene of an enthusiastic gathering when over a hundred women registered at the annual meeting of the Quebec Provincial Society on April 19th. Mrs. J. W. Dougherty presided at all sessions. Devotions were in charge of the two Presbyterials, while greetings were brought from the Council Executive by the President, Mrs. W. A. McLennan, and from the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa by the Moderator, Rev. W. B. MacCallum.

Department reports revealed a year of gratifying progress. The Treasurer reported receipts of $16,067.65, both Presbyterials having met their allocations. The *Glad Tidings* Secretary was sorry to announce a decrease of sixty-two subscriptions in the province. A splendid slogan was suggested, ''Every Subscriber a *Reader*''. A service of remembrance, led by Miss C. E. Cameron, concluded the forenoon session.

Mrs. J. W. Dougherty reviewed the work of the past thirteen years and compared earlier statistics with those of to-day. She urged that members of the Women's Missionary Society be faithful in the Master's service, always keeping close to Him and ever seeking His guidance. Mrs. Owen Rede Campbell spoke on ''The Call for Vision''. Truly the Christian Church is the greatest institution in the world; we have a living Leader and with that knowledge we can carry on. ''Where there is no vision the people perish.'' She urged her listeners to be a praying people, for with prayer comes vision and with vision comes service. We must take up our work, whatever it may be, and march on; then when the call comes we may be able to say,—I have not been disobedient to the heavenly vision.

Following the election of officers, Mrs. W. A. McLennan conducted a most impressive installation service. At the tea hour a delightful conference took place led by Mrs. R. D. Smith. Miss I. Munro, Miss A. Dickson, Miss M. Murray, and Mrs. Laramie gave short reports of their work and Mrs. Leslie Craig spoke of the Huntingdon Leaders' Conference.

Rev. David Scott, of Knox Crescent Church, led the evening devotions. Rev. A. M. Hill, D.D., Convener of the Board of Missions, addressed the members on ''Pushing Back our Frontiers''. Speaking of the attitude of Mission Boards to work on the overseas fields, Dr. Hill said that first emphasis is placed on evangelization. He pointed to results in Formosa, Manchukuo, China, and in other countries, observing that where evangelism has been stressed there was a movement towards a native ministry and Church endeavouring to be self-supporting. The chief aim of the educational phase of the work is the removal of illiteracy. Training in agriculture had had excellent results in India and China. In the medical work the aim was not only to heal body and mind, but also to overcome the pernicious influence of the witch doctors.

Mrs. W. A. McLennan then discussed the question, ''Are Missions Worth While?'' Missions have not failed though they have not succeeded perfectly; one reason of this was that only a minority of Church members interested themselves in missions. In a world divided by nationalism the Christian Churches are bringing people together. ''Foreign missions have justified themselves by making possible the building of a world

Christian community.'' Mrs. McLennan gave some definite results of mission work in all our home and foreign fields, not the least of these being the work accomplished by the sixteen deaconesses employed by our Society. The responsibility still lies at our door; we have before us a great vision of what Canada and what the world might become under the influence of Christian missions.

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MOOSE JAW P.S.—In Knox Church, Moose Jaw, a two-day session of the Presbyterial was held. Assiniboia, Moose Jaw, Weyburn, Swift Current, Pambrun, Briercrest and Leakville were represented. Mrs. D. M. Craig, first Vice-President, presided at all sessions.

In ''Highlights and Shadows'' from the various Secretaries' reports, progress was noted, and the discussion of difficulties brought help to the Auxiliaries. One new Associate Society was reported, at Pambrun, and a Mission Band at Leakville. Weyburn Mission Band holds the banner for the year. Articles made by the Mission Bands were sent to Canora Hospital, and to the southern part of the province. An inspiring address was given by Mrs. Brell, of Pambrun, on ''Jesus Tests'' and a woman's great faith, Ruth's choice, as revealed in the Bible. Rev. K. McCreary installed the officers and Mrs. Ottley, Assiniboia, gave the dedicatory prayer.

Prince Albert P.S.—Miss H. Hermanson, of the Mackay Memorial Hospital, Formosa, met with the James Nisbet Auxiliary, the Lucy Baker Young Women's Auxiliary, the three groups of the Ephraim Scott Mission Band, and the Canadian Girls in Training, Prince Albert. Her message was very helpful and interesting.

Saskatoon P.S.—Declaring that the Church that was not missionary was not Christian, the Rev. W. G. Brown made a powerful plea for missions in his address at the opening session of the Saskatoon Presbyterial Society in St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon. A report of the year's activities showed an advance in all departments of work. The Mission Band report showed an increase of three Bands, and forty-four members; two new C.G.I.T. groups had been formed, and the young women had arranged special speakers for their meetings and had made a special study of missions. An increase of forty-four subscriptions to the *Glad Tidings* was reported. The Student Secretary spoke of the social contacts that had been made with the Presbyterian students in the city; private homes had been opened for social functions as well as the

Presbyterian Residence, and every encouragement had been given for religious education at the church. Miss H. Hermanson, of the Mackay Memorial Hospital, gave an interesting address on the work in Formosa, referring to the difficulties facing the missionaries in their efforts to preach a Gospel of peace while war is raging. The new officers were installed by Mrs. R. G. McKay, of Prince Albert. Mrs. B. Edwards presided at all sessions.

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April 30th, 1938

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Education of Chinese Students	93.00
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Editorial

Miss Todd's Resignation

Miss Mary Todd, who was granted leave of absence to spend this year at her home in Ireland, has resigned from the staff of the Women's Missionary Society. As a student deaconess assisting in Montreal, then since 1930 as a deaconess in Winnipeg and, from 1934, on the Brownvale field of the Peace River district, Miss Todd has rendered excellent service. It was with great regret that the Council Executive accepted her resignation, but, because of her mother's ill-health, she feels she must remain in Ireland.

Leaving Shortly for the East

SHORTLY before the end of their work in Toronto, Mrs. Langdon Gehman and Miss Helena Gibbs were warmly welcomed at a meeting of the Council Executive. On behalf of the Board, Mrs. Maas, Secretary for Manchuria and China, wished them God-speed and assured them that, as they went out to serve as missionaries in Manchuria, the women at home ''were going to hold the ropes at this end''. Since war conditions in the East made it unadvisable to send them out last summer after their appointment, they have both spent this last year in work that would better fit them for their service in Manchuria.

The practical experience gained in helping in the Chinese work in Toronto and learning to know the Chinese people, Miss Gibbs felt, would be very helpful in the work she was to do in Manchuria. It had been a privilege to work under Dr. Jessie MacBean and Mrs. Burkwall, who had both long served as missionaries in China. For Mrs. Gehman, too, the year had been a valuable one. She was just finishing a course in Public Health Nursing, which, she was convinced, she would otherwise have had to take during her first furlough. She was going out with a vision of Christ as the Great Healer of mind and body, in whose work she would be able to help. Mrs. McLennan wished them both joy in the work to which they were going.

Miss Isabel Taylor, returning to Tansui, Formosa, after her furlough, will travel on the same boat as Mrs. Gehman and Miss Gibbs, leaving Vancouver on the 20th August.

Miss Gibbs' Services Appreciated

AT the closing of the Chinese kindergarten and Mission Band, Toronto, the members of the women's Friday class joined with the children and the workers and other friends in doing honour to Miss Gibbs, who has been assisting in that work this year. Rev. D. A. Smith and Rev. T. K. Ma conducted the devotions. Miss Gibbs was presented with a week-end bag, Miss Mabel Hong making the presentation and Mrs. Peter Quan in a short address in Chinese paying a very fine tribute to Miss Gibbs. The latter, she said, had endeared herself to the women and children by her kind and gentle disposition. That her devotion to the Lord and His work was such as to make her willing to leave home and go to Manchuria to preach the Gospel, especially at such an uncertain and dangerous time, showed them all how extremely important the Gospel is. They would always remember Miss Gibbs for her kindness and love to the children and for her visits to themselves, and would pray that God would bless and keep her as she went from them.

The Mission Band President presented $6.54 to the Women's Missionary Society as the Band's contribution for the six months.

On the 13th June, Miss Gibbs was the guest of honour at the meeting of Mrs. Adams' class. In appreciation of her interest they presented a toilet bag and a large ''Bon Voyage'' cake to her, besides some individual gifts. To Mrs. Gehman, who came to their class whenever possible, a toilet bag was given, too. The women were greatly interested in seeing from the lantern slides of Manchuria shown by Mrs. Adams where Miss Gibbs was to live and work. This class has already $16.00 towards the support of a Biblewoman.

A Hungarian Presbyterian Church

THAT the Hungarian Presbyterians in Toronto were putting forth a very real effort to bear their share of the cost of a church building was evident when their pastor, Rev. Charles Steinmetz, told the Council Executive on the 26th April of the progress that had been made. The Presbytery had approved of the plans which he himself had drawn, for a church to seat two hundred, with accommodation in the basement for Sunday School and other work. The congregation had $1,500 on hand for the building and were prepared to carry a mortgage of $4,000. The people themselves, moreover, were going to make a good deal of the furniture. Glad to be able to give further help to this congregation of new Canadians among whom Mr. and Mrs. Steinmetz are working, the Board agreed to give $500 for the church building; last year $1,000 was given to wipe out the mortgage on the lot.

Visiting Her Home After Twenty-four Years in Canada

Miss Mary Murray, who for twenty-four years has been a hospital visitor in Toronto under the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), was a welcome visitor at a meeting of the Council Executive before she left at the end of May to spend the summer with her mother and sisters in Scotland. She thanked the members for the leave of absence that made it possible for her to go home, and for the support they had given her during the years; in difficult times she had been sustained, she said, by the knowledge that they were behind her. After twenty-four years' absence, she looked forward to renewing acquaintance with people and places she had been associated with before coming to Canada.

Dr. Thurrott on Furlough

On the 17th May Mrs. A. R. McMurrich, Secretary for India, introduced to the Council Executive Dr. Elizabeth Thurrott, who had just arrived to spend her furlough in Canada after five and a half years as a medical and evangelistic missionary on the Jhansi field in India. After thanking the Board for the opportunity of serving in India under the Women's Missionary Society, Dr. Thurrott spoke of some aspects of her work. For two years she had used a tent in her work as a district evangelist, but the necessity of moving because of heat and rain interrupted the work and made progress difficult. She decided, therefore, to make herself a home in Babina, on the main Jhansi-Bombay highway about twenty miles from the Jhansi field, where a small house belonging to the Board of Missions was repaired for her use. It is, she said, the only house in the village with glass windows, a stone floor, and a double roof. Now the people of Babina feel that she is peculiarly theirs,—''the unmarried lady of Babina''. The mornings she usually spends out among the people, talking and singing to groups wherever she may find them; the afternoons are given up to medical work; and in the evening she goes out again. A group of boys from the hostel at Jhansi who stayed in Babina with Dr. Thurrott for a week at Christmas, visiting and helping conduct services in the district, were the means of winning a young Brahman convert, who has since been working with Mr. Cheshire among the villagers.

The missionaries, Dr. Thurrott said, felt that real blessing had come from their decision a year ago to set aside Saturday as a day of prayer. The pastor, Mr. Moti Lal, said at that time, ''After five months something will happen''. Then last autumn Mr. Bakht Singh came for the Christian *mela,* in which all missions for sixty miles around Jhansi join, and his meetings brought new religious life. (Mrs. McMurrich told of this *mela* in the March *Glad Tidings.*)

Dr. Thurrott expects to spend the summer at her home in New Brunswick.

Dr. Margaret O'Hara

THE Council Executive welcomed Dr. Margaret O'Hara, veteran missionary in India, to its meeting on the 3rd May. She told the members of her early desire to go to China, of her preparation for missionary work there, and of her reluctant consent to go instead to India, where, however, she had been happy during her many years of service as a medical missionary.

Grateful for Opportunity

BEFORE the end of the school term Mary Begg and Mary Green, the two Indian girls from the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School at Kenora, Ontario, who have been in Toronto this year, living at the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home and attending the Central Technical School, were introduced to the Council Executive by Miss Lang, Indians Secretary. Mary Begg was recently awarded a prize by the Canadian Authors' Association for an essay on Grey Owl. Mary Green thanked the members for what was being done for them; she was trying to show her appreciation by doing her work well; later, she hoped to go back to work among her own people.

To Establish the Dominion of God

THE British and Foreign Bible Society in Canada and Newfoundland, which has fifteen Auxiliaries with 3,545 branches, has issued its thirty-third annual report under the name *Dominion,* ''in the hope and confidence that the written Word of God is vital to the establishment of His Dominion in Canada and Newfoundland''.

A distinct advance is noted in the Society's work in many parts of the country, especially among the new Canadians. During the year 311,767 volumes were issued, 22,625 more than the previous year, besides general literature. For the world-wide work of the Bible Society $34,500 was sent from Canada and Newfoundland, $3,500 more than the year before. Direct subscriptions increased considerably, but legacies decreased, and Canadian expenditures were unavoidably higher.

Attention is called to this year's celebration, throughout the English-speaking world, of the fourth centenary of the placing of the Bible in English Churches, and to the special Commemoration Sunday, the 19th June.

An appeal is made for a wider interest in the work of the Bible Society to-day when direct attacks or indifference endanger organized religion. ''The peril of any branch of the Christian Church is the peril of all, and a Society which works in some ninety countries, distributing the Word in over 713 languages, surely should have a primary place in the thought of Christian people, and in their active and definite support.''

A Busy Furlough

IN June Mrs. Martin, Secretary for Formosa, had the pleasure of introducing Miss Isabel Taylor to the Council Executive. Although she had been on furlough from Formosa for a year, Miss Taylor had had little real holiday. A graduate of the Toronto Conservatory of Music, she had been spending the academic year studying Church music at the Westminster Choir School at Princeton, with special attention to vocal methods and choral conducting. Besides her choir work, she studied hymnology and hymnody, voice and piano, voice culture, and sociology,—in all, had a very busy year, at the end passing her examinations with distinction. Not only the course itself, but also the associations it made possible would be of great benefit to her, she assured the members of the Board, thanking them for allowing her to have the year at Princeton. All the work on Church music she did, she said, with an eye to adapting it to conditions in Formosa. She is going back to her field knowing how she would like to use music there, and intent on getting the Formosans to develop their own Church music. Feeling that they have a great source of music which must be adapted, she will try to interest some of the people in that side of Church music. As Mrs. McLennan said, Miss Taylor is going to be a pioneer in music in Formosa.

Impressed by the busy year Miss Taylor had had, the Council Executive was insistent that she should have the summer months free for a restful holiday at her home in Orillia.

How One Presbyterial Celebrated

THAT the celebrations to mark this Silver Jubilee year of the Ontario Provincial Society have begun well is evident from the following extract from a letter from Mrs. J. R. Hill, President of Ottawa Presbyterial.

‘‘Our Presbyterial celebrated the Silver Jubilee of the Provincial by holding an open-air service at the Experimental Farm, Ottawa. The day was glorious; such blue skies, a bright but not too warm sun, and the surroundings beautiful beyond words! More than two hundred were present. We had a session from twelve o’clock till one, then luncheon, served in such a cool lovely marquee; and another session from a quarter after two till four. Presbytery was there in force, and the four Church courts—Kirk Session, Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly—were all represented by our own local men. Two ministers, who have recently graduated, led in the opening devotional exercises; and we had the Experimental Farm orchestra of twelve pieces to assist in the musical service, Mr. Good leading. Our guest speaker was Mr. John Marsh, M.P., a son of the manse. He gave a powerful talk on ‘Page the Church.’ We had two sacred quartettes, and, honestly, everything was lovely; even our ‘shower of quarters’ ($51.50 to date). . . I am as happy as can be;

everything was so perfectly lovely,—with many from out-of-town Auxiliaries, and a great 'get-together'. Hon. Cairine Wilson moved the vote of thanks to the speaker.''

Joy Over a Baby Prince

''ONE of the very important items of Jobat news is that the Rani Sahib has a baby boy. The little Prince was born in Indore, Dr. McMaster officiating. She officiated when the Rani herself was born. A letter came a few days ago from the Rana himself reporting that the Rani Sahib and baby son were getting on extremely well. The morning after the news was received every house in the bazaar, every house in the compound, every patient in the Hospital received a gift of sugar. It is the custom when an heir is born to show their happiness in this way and there is great joy because the first baby is a boy. No doubt there will be some great celebration when the mother and baby return from Indore.''

—From a letter from Miss McConnell, Jobat, June 6th.

Hands

My hands were filled with many things
That I did precious hold,
As any treasure of a king's,
Silver or gems of gold.
The Master came and touched my hands
(The scars were in His own),
And at my feet my treasures sweet
Fell scattered one by one.
I must have empty hands, said He
Wherewith to work My works through thee.

My hands were growing feverish
And cumbered much with care,
Trembling with haste and eagerness,
Not folded oft in prayer.
The Master came and touched my hands
(With healing in His own)
And calm and still to do His will
They grew, the fever gone.
I must have quiet hands, said He
Wherewith to work My works through thee.

My hands were strong in fancied strength,
But not in power Divine,
And bold to take up tasks at length
That were not His, but mine.
The Master came and touched my hands
And strength was in His own,
But mine since then have powerless been
Save His are laid thereon.
And it is only thus, said He,
That I can work My works through thee.

—Selected.

Tribute to Christian Missions

ON the 6th of April 1938, Madame Chiang Kai-shek in an address at the monthly missionary prayer-meeting in Hankow announced, in the name of General Chiang Kai-shek, an important change of policy on the part of the Government in regard to the teaching of religion in private schools. In the course of her address she said:

The Generalissimo wishes me to tell you that he deeply appreciates the fine work which you have been doing to help our people. Please take this as a personal tribute to your courage and self-sacrificing spirit, to your valour and determination to help our people, regardless of the dangers to your own persons and lives. On this point I may say that we both feel deeply that words are inadequate to express our thanks to the whole missionary body in China . . . The fact that you not only risked your lives in succouring the wounded, but also helped the destitute, and saved many of our women and girls from a fate worse than death, and gave hope and support to all the refugees, has moved the whole Chinese nation to a sense of appreciation of the true Christian spirit which animated you in your action . . . I think that if one were to view impartially the work done by the missionaries, especially during these last nine months, one need no longer doubt whether the same stalwart, courageous, intense passion to help humanity is to-day present as it was in the days of pioneering missionaries. . . . When I was at the front with the Generalissimo last week, I heard stories of women missionaries whose heroism, and whose undaunted resolution to help and work among the stricken people, kept them within the fighting area. . . .

I need not stress here what missionaries in the past have done in educational, medical, industrial, and agricultural lines to help the people all over the country, because you know the facts as well as I. It is interesting in passing, however, to mention that when the Generalissimo and I made the first tour of the country, the response of the missionaries everywhere to our request to help in the New Life Movement was tremendous. They felt, and could see, that this Movement had unique possibilities of touching the lives of the people and of raising their spiritual and material level. And so, throughout the country, wherever help has been called for, the missionaries have given themselves whole-heartedly.

You have asked me to-day to tell you how best you can help us in this national crisis. I can only say: Continue your efforts in the same direction in which you have employed them in the past. From the most unexpected sources I have heard admiration of the work you have done and are doing. One of the Cabinet Ministers, who is a non-Christian, remarked one day that he was studying the Bible. When asked if he were a Christian, he replied, ‘‘No, but I notice that the Christians throughout the country show a greater self-sacrificing spirit than others, and therefore I feel that there must be something to Christianity!'' . . .

In closing, may I just say that there is one point which I wish to stress and that is that the spirit which underlies your ceaseless efforts is recognized as one of the greatest contributions which you can make to our people. Some years ago the Government issued an order which forbade religion to be made a compulsory study in any private school. Many of you felt that policy to be unfair, and contrary to the principles of missionary enterprise. . . . It gives me very great pleasure, therefore, to-day to tell you that by your work and the spirit that underlies it you have made manifest the meaning of true Christianity. The results of your efforts are so appreciated by the Government and the people that the Generalissimo has now found it possible to have that law forbidding religion to be compulsorily taught in Christian schools amended, so that religious subjects may henceforth be taught in registered mission schools. This decision is the greatest testimony in the history of China of our appreciation of the value of the real vital contribution that Christianity has made to the spiritual well-being and the livelihood of our people. I am pleased to say that you have had the leading share in making this realization possible, by interpreting practical Christianity in its widest sense.

Signs of a New Day

FROM her knowledge of conditions in the East, especially in ''missionary'' lands, Mrs. Charles K. Roys, of the Foreign Missions Board of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, was able to strike a note of hopefulness in her address at an interdenominational meeting in Toronto on the 30th May, under the auspices of the Dominion Board of the United Church Woman's Missionary Society.

Justification for hopefulness she found in the ''slow and steady entry of Jesus Christ into the life of the world'', and she asked her listeners to consider some ways in which that was taking place. First, Jesus Christ was coming into the *thought* life of the world. In missionary lands one may hear a non-Christian who wishes to honour some one calling him a Christ-like man, or a Mohammedan disclaiming any credit for some good deed—''That was nothing; I was only doing my Christian duty.'' In educational work, too, Christian influence is being felt: men bring their daughters to Christian colleges, and stand firm against the criticism of non-Christians. ''What finer idealism can I expose my child to than that of Jesus Christ?''

Again, there is ''a new receptivity to Jesus Christ''. Not only is the climate being made more favourable, Mrs. Roys said, but also the soil is being prepared. This is seen among the students of the world. They want, she said, to respond to a hard programme,—hence, the present-day youth movements throughout the world. They want to follow a dynamic personality; it may be a Hitler, a Mussolini, or a Stalin, but it may be Jesus Christ. He is calling students to follow Him as never before; no one else is calling students in missionary lands. This was seen among the students of India, and the thousands in China and Japan who were asking themselves: What is the word of Christ for a day like this? There has never been a day, she declared, when students, especially in missionary lands, were so receptive.

Mrs. Roys asked her hearers to think, too, of ''how, for the first time to so great an extent, Christ Himself is walking along the dusty roads of India, walking with the suffering of China and Japan, walking among the people of Africa, steadying them in a time of tremendous transition''. When Western Christians took Him first to missionary lands, she reminded them, they took Him in Western form, the best they knew, with Western forms of service, customs, and architecture. ''To-day for the first time Jesus Christ is unfettered. He has stripped the trappings of the West from Himself.'' The conception of a sermon-centred, minister-centred service is without meaning in many lands. Reference was made to a church recently dedicated, which had a vast mosaic floor, a beautiful dome, but no furniture; the people slip off their shoes and sit in reverence on the floor, the minister sitting with them. He begins and they all repeat what he reads or says. ''The truth comes home to them by affirmation and reaffirmation.'' To-day in many missionary lands that method is being followed. In architecture, too, foreign plans are no longer necessarily followed; often lovely native forms are being preserved.

Another trend, one of the most hopeful at the present time, is the mass movement, or more correctly the group movement, into the Christian Church. In contrast to what obtains in the individualistic social order of the West, a man makes decisions not alone but with the family, the village, the tribe; he is group-conscious and group-controlled. The calling of men out of those groups to be Christians isolated them and caused social dislocation. It is now thought better to receive them not as individuals, but as a family or a group, after careful instruction. Mrs. Roys referred to the change in a group of leather workers, outcastes, who were brought into the fellowship of the Christian Church in India. They developed their own form of worship. Instead of the caves they used to live in, they have good houses; they have schools, and their children are well bred, well dressed, and clean. They have developed new abilities and skills, making and exporting furniture. They look like a different race. The change has been wrought, not by education, but by worship. They are no longer orphans in their Father's world, but sons of God. The witness of the group is stronger than the witness of the individual. ''All through India it is going forward; 70,000,000 outcastes are on trek seeking a religion. Will Christianity give them the economic justice that Hinduism denied them?'' Caste people, too, are coming into the Christian Church, as they see what Christ can mean in the lives of others. Great numbers have to be prepared and instructed, but the Churches of the West have been recalling workers or not sending out recruits, and cutting salaries, thus placing too heavy a burden on those on the fields. People of our Churches have been praying for open doors; now, Mrs. Roys declared, doors are off their hinges.

"There is in the eastern sky a glow, not of a conflagration, but of the dawn of a new day. The sun never comes twice to waken any man. We are being called to a new day. May we rise up and follow Him."

The following extracts from the reports of Scottish missionaries in India, in *Life and Work* (May 1938), illustrate Mrs. Roys' statements about what is happening in India.

The Galilean Accent

"The accent of Christ is often and surprisingly heard in others—non-Christians many of them. Twice a week I hear it in a Hindu and a Mohammedan master whose turn it is to lead the prayers with which the High School opens each day. During the Scripture period with the Tenth Class, as we discuss such themes as the forgiveness of sins or the life everlasting, it is often Christian belief that the boys profess as their own; and it comes as a shock to them when I point out that orthodox Hinduism or Islam teaches quite otherwise.

"There is also a deliberate turning to Christ to hear His voice gladly. A young Mohammedan giant in my Tenth Class wished to bring his young sister to see lantern pictures of the Life of Christ. He made his request publicly. 'She learns about Christ in the Girls' School. She comes home and tells us about Him. She is very interested.' The very fact that the busy Matriculation class should make a special trip to my bungalow to see such religious pictures and recognize them is significant. There was the special meeting in the bazaar where the rival claims of two Hindu sects were being debated with increasing acrimony until our Indian pastor stood up and so diverted thought to the words of Christ that peace ensued and people asked to hear more about God who is love. Or amongst the low-caste Kolis, in a small room where a number of youths meet for singing and discussion, it is not only by the Gospel pictures on the walls, but also by their profession, that one knows whom they honour."

Delivered from Fear

"At ———, a village some ten miles from the main road, there is a small group of Christians who were baptized about four years ago. They then built for themselves a small hut, and in it they meet every Sunday morning for worship, whether the evangelist visits them or not. All save two young men are illiterate . . . . They all depend upon caste masters for their daily wages, and these masters are often hostile to Christianity. Squalor, poverty, and disease are their daily companions. Yet in spite of almost insuperable handicaps, this tiny congregation is growing in strength. When I visited them a month ago I arrived to find every Christian in the church. There they were, old and young, men and women, squatting on the floor, listening to one of their members read the Bible. My arrival brought a crowd of villagers to the door of the hut, and as I looked at the faces of those in front of me I asked myself what difference there was between the outcastes without the door and the Christians within. The first thing that struck me was the fact that every one inside the hut looked clean and stood in marked contrast to the disorderly rabble at the door. Inside there was order and quietness, but what struck me most of all was the light and expression on their countenances . . . . Because the Spirit of God is at work in their lives. 'Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty'—liberty from the bondage of fear.''

At the General Assembly Meetings

WEDNESDAY evening, the first of June, saw Calvin Church, Toronto, crowded for the opening session of the sixty-fourth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. More than two hundred commissioners had come from all parts of the country, from Newfoundland to Vancouver Island, and one even from the Vindhiya and Satpura Mountain Presbytery in India, for this meeting of the supreme court of the Church.

''Wilt thou not revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in thee?'' This cry of the Psalmist, which Rev. Hugh Munroe, D.D., the retiring Moderator, chose as the text of his message to the Assembly, was to-day, he said, the cry of the universal Church. Never so well organized as it is at present, its great need is for a spiritual revival, a new turning towards God. Never may the Church be farther from God than when it seems most prosperous, never nearer to God than in its hour of direst need. He saw no need for despair, but for regeneration. If, alarmed by present conditions and humbled by its seeming failure, the Church would realize anew its dependence upon God, a powerful revival would bring men back to God and to victory in Him.

To succeed Dr. Munroe as Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada Rev. Donald MacOdrum, D.D., of First Church, Brockville, Ontario, was elected on the second ballot. Others nominated for the high office were Rev. Stuart C. Parker, D.D., Toronto; Rev. Peter Reith, Tara, Ontario; Rev. W. M. Mackay, and Rev. S. Farley, Regina, but the two latter withdrew their names. Dr. MacOdrum has been nearly forty years in the ministry, the last thirteen in Brockville.

The mission work of the Church was presented at two evening sessions, Thursday being Home Mission night and Friday Foreign Mission night, the speakers on both evenings being introduced to the Assembly by Dr. A. M. Hill, the Convener of the Board of Missions. Dr. Robert Johnston, Ottawa, in a general survey of the Home Mission work, emphasized the need of the northern mining areas of the provinces, the recent opening up of work in the Val d'Or district of Quebec where a minister and a student are now labouring, the very encouraging progress in Northern Ontario, as at Kirkland Lake and Geraldton, and the opportunities in the Lake Athabaska district. Canada, he declared, needs the Presbyterian Church; in increasing numbers the people of Quebec are turning to it. What all the provinces want is a richer conception of the Church of God. ''It is for us to see that we keep the things of God before them.'' Special prominence was given to the work among new Canadians, Mrs. Steinmetz speaking for the Hungarian mission in Toronto and Rev. Michael Fesenko for the Ukrainians. Of the 6,000 Hungarians in Toronto, Mrs. Steinmetz said, 1,000 are Presbyterian. The dream with which she and her husband, Rev. Charles Steinmetz, began the work six years ago is about to be realized, as the congregation is preparing to build a church on the lot they bought on McCaul Street. Mr. Fesenko, from conditions he observed on his field, stressed the need for watchfulness and strongly favoured the use of one language, English. Although severely handicapped by lack of funds and by the fact that Ukrainians have no Protestant background, the mission has been able to achieve a good measure of success; he has now a group of ninety-five, with seventy pupils in the Sunday School, and is reaching many more Ukrainians through letters. He reminded the Assembly that, as a result of work in Canada, there is now a Presbyterian Church in the Ukraine and a Ukrainian Book of Praise has been prepared for use in America and Europe.

With great natural advantages and valuable resources, Newfoundland is reduced to poverty and distress, partly because Great Britain bought iron ore elsewhere, stated Rev. James McNeill, of St. John's. Never had he seen such poverty as he found there. There is great need for doctors. Tuberculosis is very prevalent and little has been done to check it. Education is denominational, non-compulsory, and expensive, but the system seems the best for the island under present conditions. Many children cannot go to school, but the church in St. John's sees that no Presbyterian child stays from school, paying fees and providing food and clothing, where necessary. Only one half per cent. of the people are Presbyterians, but Mr. McNeill declared that they are the ''binding and cementing element'', seeking to bring about a unity of endeavour and co-operation, to co-ordinate the spiritual power in order to lift the country. Although in desperate need, the congregations meet their allocation, and are amazed to find that wealthy congregations in Canada seem not seriously concerned because they do not do so. A home for destitute Presbyterian children is badly needed.

On Friday evening Dr. Hill explained the general policy of the Board of Missions in its work overseas. In educational work, the aim is the nurture of Christian children, the education of non-Christians, and the leavening of a non-Christian society. Medical work is not merely the key to open the door, but is an integral part of the work, aiming at overcoming superstition, and curing and preventing disease. The whole missionary work of our Church, Dr. Hill emphasized, is a part of the world Christian mission. Realizing the need of keeping alive to rapidly changing conditions, the Board has conferred with other Boards with a view to making certain readjustments in the work, trying to be alert and courageous enough to change.

Introduced to the Assembly by Dr. Hill as the new missionary for the Bhil field, Mr. Fred Knox said that he felt it a privilege to be called to carry on the work whose foundation Dr. Buchanan had laid during his long term in India. While conditions have changed, the purpose remains the same, to win men to Christ. Mrs. McLennan introduced Mrs. Langdon Gehman and Miss Helena Gibbs, who are to serve under the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) in Manchuria, and Miss Isabel Taylor, who has been at home on furlough after five and a half years in Formosa.

Miss Taylor expressed gratitude for what the Church at home was doing, for the sympathetic understanding and support of the Women's Missionary Society, and for the patience, sympathy, and unfailing hospitality of the people of the Orient. Of the seventy-eight churches in connection with our Formosan mission, twenty are self-supporting. It is many years, she said, since the field has been so well visited and so many contacts have been made. Four missionaries have been free for evangelistic work—Mr. and Mrs. Mackay and Mr. and Mrs. MacMillan—,for the most part preaching in the homes and having Bible study groups, in which were many boys who had attended the Middle School, and Mrs. MacMillan doing very effective work for the girls, training leaders to teach other girls. The Three-Year Movement has been especially important in arousing the interest of the young. Before coming on furlough, Miss Taylor gave lectures on Church music in the Theological College, and, having offered to take any choir, had one in a church fourteen miles away, where she took a Bible study group as well as the choir work. More and more is there co-operation between the Churches of North and South Formosa, she stated; the whole Formosan Church is working together. The Preachers' Conference was held in Tainan and an All-Formosa Young People's Conference in Taichu. The first self-supporting conference to be held was the Bible Study Conference last year.

From the British Guiana mission Rev. James Dunn brought greetings to the General Assembly, and to Dr. Buchanan from the East Indians. Probably the least known of the British dominions, British Guiana, Mr. Dunn said, is a Crown colony, about the size of England, Scotland and Wales, with its 350,000 people almost entirely settled along the coast, where there are great sugar estates and rice fields; in the interior are mines. All races of the world, he thinks, are represented there, but more than a third of the people are East Indians, who a hundred years ago came from India to replace the labour of Africans. Until the mission was opened they were left almost entirely to themselves. Educational work is an important aspect of missionary effort, the schools providing religious as well as secular education. The chief difficulty is getting a sufficient number of Christian teachers. On Sunday the schools are used for Church services and Sunday Schools. There are over seventy stations for evangelistic work—and only two musical instruments. Sometimes the missionary has seven services on Sunday, the day's work beginning at half-past six in the morning and continuing until nine in the evening. In spite of the efforts of the Government to better conditions, social, educational, and political, for the East Indians, it was only with spiritual awakening that the hopeless, unhappy people became hopeful men and women.

We cannot think of India without thinking of Dr. Buchanan, said the Moderator, introducing the veteran missionary whom he recalled seeing in his own home on the Bhil field. In nearly fifty years in India Dr. Buchanan found great cause for gratitude and great helpfulness. In spite of serious ill-health, Mrs. Buchanan had worked with him there for about forty-six years, and now his daughters are both in India,—the elder, Ruth, devoting herself to helping the Bhils spiritually and materially, training them in better methods of work, in gardening, chicken-raising, and successful marketing, besides doing evangelistic work; and the younger daughter, Edith, on the staff of the Lady Hardinge College Hospital, New Delhi. Dr. Buchanan paid high tribute to the devotion and faithfulness of Miss Soutar, who in her few years at the Babies' Home in Amkhut, had won a lasting place in the hearts of the people, and to the splendid service of Miss Robson, the influence of whose work for the boys and girls in the schools and for the young people in her Normal training classes in Toran Mal is still evident in the lives of many of them. The story of the Bhil mission, he declared, is one of triumph and of growth. From the first the missionaries tried to train the Bhils to be self-supporting, and not only to give their tenth, but to bring offerings besides. They have succeeded in overcoming some superstitions of the demon-worshipping people. Dr. Buchanan referred to the good results from special conferences for the deepening of spiritual life, *melas*, and to the group or village movement to Christianity. Seven missions are united in this work among the Bhils, having formed a Council to work together in this time of special opportunity. In the last year one small state has become Christian, and there will be, Dr. Buchanan is confident, a Christian nation in the heart of India. Although he is retiring after his furlough, he expects to go back to India to live.

The church was well filled for the Monday evening session, which was devoted to young people's work. Appreciation was expressed of the sacrificial labours of Dr. Kannawin, General Secretary for Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies. Although the same falling-off was reported in many countries, the decrease in Sunday School enrolment was deplored, and should be, Dr. Kannawin said, a challenge to everyone interested in the future of the Church. Rev. H. M. Coulter presented the report and introduced Miss Violet Tennant who spoke on her work among teen-age girls. In his address Rev. H. M. Paulin, D.D., of Windsor, made a strong appeal to the young people to keep alive the spirit of expectancy and hope, and take a vital interest in what the Church stands for. Large numbers are not necessarily a sign of strength; Gideon's host had been reduced to three hundred, but these, united by a great devotion, were invincible. The great thing is to receive what has been handed on and see that it grows no less. The Church stands to meet the fundamental need of the human heart, and what has lived so long must have something vital in it, he said, as he urged them not to forsake it. ''The Church depends on you. Can she count on you? Could Christ say to-day: There is a great crowd of Presbyterian young people, I can count on them?''

Challenge and Response

MRS. R. GOLDWIN SMITH

ON Friday evening, May the 27th, there convened in Knox College Chapel a conference of Presbyterian young women connected with the missionary movement of our Church.

Three hundred were registered, and forty-six places were represented, exclusive of Toronto. Such a gathering could not but be pregnant with possibilities of power for the future of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and the excellent and varied programme took care that the wonderful opportunity should be used to the full.

The theme of the conference was ''My utmost for the highest'', and this theme was worked out in three masterly addresses by Miss Laura K. Pelton. It was also emphasized in their various lines by several of the other speakers.

Miss Pelton, with her keenly analytical mind, led her audience on Friday evening into sincere and careful consideration of the nature of the ''highest''. She succeeded in showing completely, both by word and implication, that the highest in discipleship was possible for all, but to attain to it demands every power of intellect as well as of heart and spirit.

On Saturday the theme developed along the lines of ''our utmost'', stressing the necessity of true humility in arriving at what our ''utmost'' may be. Easy self-depreciation was shown to be all too often only cowardice and not real humility. Humility admits one's talents and powers, but realizes from where and from whom these gifts come, and acknowledges responsibility for their use.

In her last address Miss Pelton brought together the two thoughts and dealt with the need of a *true* conception of *God,* of the *needs of humanity,* and of the *real nature* of the *Church* and its *work* and of *missions* as being necessary to giving ''our utmost for the highest''.

The worship services were, with one exception, taken by Miss Nellie Smith, who also gave an address on the building of such services. These periods were beautiful notes throughout the conference and it was with real joy that many present learned that a book of such services had been prepared and is now for sale. One can hardly speak or write strongly enough of what it would mean to the life and interest of our missionary work if these, or similar, services were used by all the various groups, Junior and Senior, of our Women's Missionary Society. The strength and beauty of our devotional life would be developed richly and it would give opportunity to many to take part in a meeting.

The Sunday morning service in St. Paul's Church will not be easily forgotten. One of its outstanding features was the singing of the Maurice Cody School choir.

It is often questioned whether finance can ever be made thrilling or even interesting to the average person, but many sat and heard Mrs. Daniel Strachan, Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), transform this usually dry-as-dust subject into a thing of living interest. Indeed, when Mrs. Strachan told of her vision of the mighty choir of the Church triumphant, gathered out of every nation, kindred and tongue, there were many who were conscious of a ''lump-in-the-throat'' feeling, and, what was even more to the point, at least some pledged themselves to give more than they ever had before to bring about the realization of such a vision.

The question of systematized study along missionary lines was ably dealt with by Miss Negoro, who urged that all who needed help in planning a course of such study for any group should write to her for help. Miss Negoro is splendidly qualified to give advice on this subject and any group would be wise to consult her.

Mrs. McLennan, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), spoke on the subject of ''Reasonable Service''. She was, as always, intensely practical, and the influence of her own personality added power to all her words.

Another valuable phase of the conference was that those attending it saw and heard young women who already are active on mission fields of the Church, or are about to leave for such work. These contacts make for a sense of reality. Those who work for this great cause have an added incentive when they see young women, full of life and vivacity like themselves, so filled with enthusiasm for the cause of Christ that they are going out into the world to work for the earlier coming of His Kingdom in the hearts of men and women.

Following the conference dinner on Saturday evening there was presented a pageant showing the inception and development of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. This was handled in a truly remarkable manner, and Mrs. Holman, who arranged it, will probably never be able to estimate the value of the inspiration her work, so well carried out by her helpers, gave that night. One phrase spoken will live in the hearts of many down through the years, for the whole pageant gave life to it: ''We stand between the challenge of the future and the glory of the past.'' What a thrilling thought!

At the closing session on Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Steinmetz, the young wife of the Hungarian minister, who herself works with her own people in Toronto, told something of her work. This was followed by the final worship service taken by Miss Lillian McNabb, of Hamilton.

A somewhat sad note crept in at the very end when reference was made to Miss Pelton's resignation from the post of Young Women's Travelling Secretary, which was to take effect immediately. While many felt that this gave a clouded ending to a very happy time, it was also recognized that it threw out a tremendous challenge to the delegates to carry on in the days to come in so whole-hearted a way that it would be true indeed that (to use Mrs. McLennan's phrase) Miss Pelton had multiplied herself in the work to which she had given so much.

In conversing with many visitors and delegates throughout the week-end, the writer of this article was profoundly impressed by the fact that actual contact with various people, hitherto only vague names in these delegates' minds, had fired them with enthusiasm. Again and again one heard this note: ''I never realized before how much the women of the Women's Missionary Society Executive give to the work, of their time and interest''; or: ''If girls like that can go out to home or foreign fields, we girls ought to be able to work and help to send them.''

Such an experience as that week-end gave will be of incalculable value to the missionary enterprise of our Church, especially if everyone who was present tries to carry the vividness of these personal experiences, and the fire of enthusiasm they kindled, to some one else who did not come.

Then,

''Pray that the gold-filled hands may *give*
To arm the others for the fray;
That those who hear the call may *go*
And pray,—that other hearts may *pray*.''

Interruptions

By Miss Helen Fairbairn

THERE are few things in the ordinary routine of life that more easily provoke and irritate than the frequent interruptions to which most busy women are liable, and she who can suffer them gladly is indeed a patient woman. A wise housekeeper learns early that they are inevitable and governs herself accordingly. A woman in business is obliged to put up with them. I remember a young girl on the staff of one of the educational institutions in Montreal telling me that she was in the habit of asking people who appealed to her for information to wait a moment until she had finished an entry in the books she was working on, but the head of her department, observing this, told her that such interruptions were an important part of her day's work and that she must put down her pen instantly and reply cheerfully to whatever queries were addressed to her. A very able woman on a large staff here in Toronto was so annoyed by interruptions—necessary and inevitable though they were—that one morning she made note of them and told me afterwards that she had suffered thirteen interruptions in the course of the morning. The chief said of her: ''She could do perfect work—*if* she could work alone!''

We all know how we feel when something intrudes upon our busy moments. Perhaps we don't know how often both ourselves and our profession are judged by the way in which we react to the interruption.

One lovely summer morning a few years since, I was preparing to go to the Canadian Keswick Conference at Ferndale. The bus taking us there was to leave at noon and though practically ready I found it necessary to go down to Bloor Street for an overlooked item. Opening the front door to go out, I encountered a pedlar, anxious to spread out his wares. Impetuously I began, ''I am going out of town and I haven't a moment to spare.'' Then I stopped short, almost hearing a voice say, ''You're a fine candidate for a place in a Christian conference—a conference where the centre of all thoughts will be the most Compassionate Person that ever walked the earth, and you forsooth haven't a moment for one of His poor!'' Needless to say, I examined the little box of thread, pins, tapes, and so forth, and made a couple of small purchases.

An English lady living in Yorkshire and blessed with many friends and relatives was in the way of having frequent visitors from various parts of England and Canada. She told a friend of mine once that in engaging maids she always warned them that the unexpected guest was a common happening in her house. ''I make it as easy for the maids as I can,'' she said, ''but I warn them that there is no use in their coming to me unless they can 'greet the unknown with a cheer'.'' Our cheer for the unexpected may be a faint one, but we can discipline ourselves to appreciate an interruption instead of instantly crying out upon it as a nuisance.

It *might* be our guardian angel with a bundle of blessings for us!

Finally, there is nothing more helpful than a study of our Lord's treatment of the interruptions which constantly beset His path.

The Mackay Memorial Hospital

and the Workers Therein

By Mrs. James Dickson

''Ask God to give thee skill
    In Comfort's art,
That thou mayst consecrated be
    And set apart
Unto a life of sympathy.
For heavy is the weight of ill
    In every heart;
And comforters are needed much
    Of Christ-like touch.''

SOMETIMES at night, after our little girl had said her prayer and given me her good-night hug, she would say, ''I have had a happy day, but 'my cup did not run over'. Will it ever run over?''—this last very wistfully. At first, I did not understand what she was referring to; then I remembered that in teaching the Twenty-third Psalm, I had interpreted this as a ''cup of happiness''.

I suppose there is nothing so universal as this longing for the ''cup that will run over''. Adventure, romance, bigger houses, larger cars, travel, more money, all these are probably sought in the pursuit of happiness, and yet no people seem to be nearer to it than are those who after a siege of pain, illness, weakness, defeat, perhaps even facing the terror of death or the still more terrifying lassitude so complete that neither death nor life seem to matter,—after all this, are restored to health and strength, feel hope returning, see the world radiant, with the keenness of perception of one who has been away and who has returned, beautiful beyond all former conception; to those, just to be alive and to have a chance to enjoy the world once more, seems to make ''the cup run over''. To be in close touch with this spiritual miracle of defeat and discouragement transformed into hope and joy, to say nothing of being instrumental in mending broken physical bodies so that hope can return, is the great privilege of the doctors and nurses. While many of us long for the chance to have this close, warm touch with humanity, they not only have it, but also have the joy of knowing that they are helping to lift the burden of distress and pain for hundreds and thousands of their less fortunate brothers and sisters in this world.

I could describe the hospital by telling you how large the building is, how many stories high, how many dormer windows it has, how unostentatious is the entrance to this place of refuge, but all this does not seem to matter compared with the stream of human lives that flows through it. Every morning during the week the waiting room is filled with patient, humble people, their faces unselfconsciously sad, as they wait their turn to tell their ills to the doctor and seek relief. What a story their faces tell! Only those who have lived in the Orient can realize their background,—homes that are plain and drear beyond belief, customs that bind the freedom of life, poverty that is relentless and cruel. As they wait, an evangelist tells them of Christ, and of the Christian way of love. You see dull wonder in their faces as they listen, and wistfulness that well-nigh breaks the heart. This, then, is the Mackay Memorial Hospital, an instrument of God, prepared by the love of Christians in a faraway land to mend the bodies of men and to tell them that God is Love.

The nurses at morning worship

Early every morning Miss Chisholm and the nurses gather in an upper room to have worship together before the day's work is begun. To spend hours upon end with the sick and depressed, the fretful, oppressed with morbid fears, is a heavy strain upon anyone's nerves, and yet these nurses must do it, day after day, month after month, year after year. They need this communion with their Saviour every morning to give them spiritual strength for the day and its many needs.

Dr. Little too, who carries at present the welfare of the whole hospital on his shoulders, emphasizes ever the mission of the hospital staff to minister to the souls of men rather than just their bodies, and he leads the men of the hospital in prayer together each day before their work begins.

We might stand and watch the long lines filing slowly into the different clinics, each waiting his turn with uncomplaining patience. The women look weary, worn beyond their strength with child-bearing, for their families are always large. It is that resigned look on their faces that makes one's heart ache,—it is the look of someone trapped by a life that is too hard and yet from which there is no escape. The men are unassuming, and yet have a brooding look of sadness, too, as if an inevitable Fate lay upon them. Restless with the desire to help, to try and lift this burden of misery and bring happiness to these people somehow, we cannot help but thank God that the doctors and nurses are there, strong, competent, and kindly, ready to do their share.

Down the wards you see many little human interest incidents,—visitors bringing pathetic gifts to the sick ones of their families, a husband standing awkwardly, obviously unaccustomed to the hospital ward, while he visits his wife whose pallor and big eyes frighten one, a wife visiting her husband, talking loudly to hide her embarrassment. It is always the children's ward that is the most interesting to an outsider. The Oriental child has a look in his eyes of age-old wisdom, as if the generations of those before him had bequeathed to him at birth their philosophy of wisdom and calm. One sees anxious mothers hovering near the beds of their little ones who are ill, a convalescent child or two toddling about, the Bible woman quietly taking advantage of an opportunity to teach a child to read, the nurses moving about, doing the multitude of tasks that arise in connection with their care of these little charges.

I have spoken of the happiness of those who have found healing in the hospital and felt their health returning, but I have not yet told you of the hundreds who also have found their Saviour there, and who have left the hospital with that inner spiritual exaltation that comes from knowing God; they are the ones who most truly have felt their ''cup run over''. And every year when the harvest of new believers for the year is assembled, it is impressive to note how many people coming for baptism in little churches in faraway villages on the mountains, near the seashore, or on the plains, give this simple testimony, ''I first heard the Gospel in the Mackay Memorial Hospital.''

Summer! and over brooding lands
A noonday haze of heat expands.
The gentle breeze along the meadows
Lifts a few leaflets on the trees,
But cannot stir the clouds that lie
Motionless in the dreaming sky,
And cannot shift the sleeping shadows
As motionless upon the leas.

—*A. E. Housman.*

Prayer

ALMIGHTY and ever loving God, the Creator of the wondrous beauty of the universe, the Inspirer of all noble and right thinking, we bow before Thee in adoration and praise. Oh that all mankind would praise Thee for Thy goodness and for Thy wonderful works to the children of men! We thank Thee that Thou hast revealed Thy love to us through Jesus Christ, and that all our individual needs and aspirations are known to Thee. As we meditate on this mystery, may we, obedient to Thy commands and the promptings of Thy Holy Spirit, so live that Thy name shall be glorified.

We ask Thy gracious blessing on our Society, that all its undertakings may be for the extension of Thy Kingdom. Grant wisdom to the members of the Council Executive as they plan and direct the work. Grant wisdom and a deep sense of responsibility to the president of every Auxiliary.

Protect and bless each one of our missionaries and workers. We would remember before Thee the special problem confronting those in Formosa, Japan, and Manchuria. Wilt Thou overrule the forces that are preventing a peaceful solution of this problem.

We pray for Thy Church everywhere. Give power to the preaching of Thy Word. We pray that, during this holiday season, Thy people may keep Thy Sabbaths and reverence Thy sanctuary.

For the rulers of our country and empire we beseech Thy guidance and mercy, the courage to rule in righteousness, serving Thee, the Divine Ruler.

Hear us, O Lord, and forgive our many sins through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

O live in us this day,
O clothe Thyself, Thy purpose yet again
In human clay:
Work through our feebleness Thy strength,
Work through our meanness Thy nobility,
Work through our helpless poverty of soul
Thy grace, Thy glory and Thy love.

—*Hoyland.*

The Koreans in Japan

DO YOU KNOW that in connection with our mission among the Koreans in Japan there were in 1937:

- — Thirteen organized congregations, forty-two unorganized groups, and nineteen prayer-meeting places, fourteen congregations owning their own church property?
- — 1,391 communicants, and 200 baptized during the year, with a total number of adherents of 3,511?
- — Forty-one Auxiliaries of the Women's Missionary Society, with 946 members?
- — Sixty-five Sunday Schools, with 2,346 pupils?
- — Five kindergartens, with 209 pupils?
- — Sixty-four Vacation Bible Schools, with 2,383 pupils?

And that total Church offerings amounted to Yen 39,288.45?

DO YOU KNOW that the field extends over the whole of Japan, where there are approximately 600,000 Koreans, most of them in the large cities in the south, but groups scattered throughout the island, and that to carry on this work, and at the same time make the Gospel known to as many others as they can reach, there were:

— Two ordained missionaries, Dr. L. L. Young and Rev. Malcolm MacKay, and three women missionaries, Miss Ethel MacDonald, under the Women's Missionary Society, Eastern Division, and Miss Jean MacLean and Miss Mary E. Anderson, Western Division;

— And thirteen ordained Korean pastors, two unordained evangelists, seven student evangelists, and twenty-eight Biblewomen, with 286 church officials?

FROM THE REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

A Thankful Heart

And now to the friends at home I should like to introduce an elderly Korean Christian woman who is known to us all as Maria. Her story is a long and interesting one, but briefly it is as follows. As a young woman she was married to a man who was not a Christian and who persecuted her. They had two daughters and a son, all of whom died when they were grown up. Later the husband died, and Maria went to work in a foreign home in Japan. She then undertook to help a Japanese boy, and was as a mother to him, helping to educate him, and finally he became a teacher and was able to return to her in some measure the kindness he had received. Then he took ill and died, and Maria was again left all alone.

She is now living in Kobe in one small room, and makes a meagre living by picking paper and anything else of value from the garbage thrown out by people. Some days she makes only fifteen or twenty sen, and some days a little more, and often has barely enough to eat. On rainy and cold days she is not able to work at all, but does she sit down and grumble? Never! Rather she praises God for the way He cares for her and for a measure of strength.

We have been interested in her for some years, but it is not always easy to help her, as she prefers to be independent. Though she may have barely enough to eat, still she puts aside an offering to the Lord, and when she is unable to get to church, either sends her offering or else puts it into an envelope to be taken next Sunday. She is just full of praise, and whenever anyone helps her, she gives the praise where it belongs, to God. Many times when I have sent her something she said, ''It is not you, but God, and I thank Him that He puts it into your heart to think of me.''

Last winter I sent her some rice, and later, when she saw me, she said to me, ''I am very thankful for the rice which you sent me, because now on rainy days when I cannot work, I eat your rice, and on days when I can work, I buy my own; so there is plenty of yours left yet, and I am very thankful, for I know that my Heavenly Father provides for my rainy, workless days through you.'' Is it not fine to see a spirit like that in a world where so many people are content to take all that is given them and never think of the great Giver of all? —*Miss Jean C. MacLean, Kobe.*

Encouragements

In the Amagasaki church on two successive Sunday evenings lantern slides of the Life of Christ were shown, and the little church was filled to capacity. This is a factory centre where many Korean girls are employed. Efforts have been made to reach these girls by the student Biblewoman who works in this group, and on these two evenings many of them received permission to attend the services. As the message was presented many were touched and decided to believe in Jesus as Saviour. One of these factory girls, who was previously a Christian and received baptism two years ago, plans to go to Korea to begin study in the Primary Bible School.

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Before leaving the field, I had visited the Kosaka church once a month. These people had formerly met in the manager's home, which was a poor little house indeed. I had always longed to see them secure a proper meeting-place, but they were such a weak little group and so poor that this seemed impossible. However, I was delighted to find them meeting in increased numbers in a clean, new, and very suitable building, which they had rented and of which they seemed very proud. . . . After the morning service and dinner in the manager's home, we returned to the church where seven Christian men were gathered to ask the Lord's blessing upon the afternoon's visiting. . . . . Crowds gathered in the streets to hear the message, and many heard that afternoon.

The students in charge of the little church at Nishinomiya decided to hold a worship service of music the last Sunday evening before Christmas. As the little church could accommodate only very few, a large building was rented for the evening, and there at least two hundred people gathered. The large majority of these people were non-Christians, and although the programme was fairly long, a spirit of quiet and worship prevailed until the end. Here again many heard the Gospel story in sermon and in song, as number after number of real worth was given in chorus, quartette, trio and solo form by the students in connection with this church. Again I was proud of our young people, as I have so often been, and wished that our friends in Canada might have been present. *—Miss Mary E. Anderson, Kobe.*

Personal Work Effective

Of all the contacts with these people, the one most enjoyed and bringing the greatest returns is the personal work in the streets and homes of non-Christians. It is doubtful whether there would be any growth at all in the churches, if the pastors and other Christian workers did not get out and visit the people in this way. Nagoya has what we call ''chundo'' (preaching) on the 1st and 15th days of each month. Church members as well as full-time Christian workers go out with Bibles and tracts, and spend the afternoon preaching Christ to the people. In the evening a follow-up evangelistic meeting is held, when decisions are made by some among those to whom the Gospel has been preached. Since thousands of Scripture tracts are given out in the course of a year, and hundreds of people dealt with, it is not more surprising that the churches grow than that the sower gets a harvest after sowing the seed. God's promise is sure.

Besides the 1st and 15th days, whenever possible Mr. Kim and I go out in the afternoon to visit. Nowhere does the enemy of souls come in like a flood more than when one is doing direct personal work of this kind in presenting Christ as Saviour to non-Christians. . . . But ''prayer changes things,'' and there are cases where one door is blocked and another opened. Numbers of times when it has been impossible to go out Koreans have come to my door. An old lady came one day selling small articles. She spoke to me in Japanese, but got quite a surprise to hear the answer in Korean. I bought something, then gave her tracts and spoke to her of Christ. She accepted the tracts gratefully and said she would believe. Since then others have come and the same thing has happened. *—Rev. Malcolm MacKay, Nagoya.*

For love, and beauty, and delight,
There is no death or change.

—Shelley.

Growth of the Ukrainian Evangelical Reformed Church

THE report of the Ukrainian Evangelical Reformed Church for 1937 gives some idea of the difficulties with which Protestant Christians on the border of the Soviet Union are contending in their struggle to establish and extend their Church.

''Last summer a member of the Polish Parliament challenged a political meeting, asking why the Evangelical Reformed Churches are being established along the Soviet frontier and whose interests they serve.

''The speaker meant to say that some foreign political influences are at the back of this remarkable movement. Those that are interested in the missionary work in foreign lands, and in the Ukrainian especially, know well that there is only one interest, the interest of the Kingdom of God through the preaching of the Gospel of Christ. This is front line of faith along the Soviet border on the Ukrainian territory in Poland, which is being built against the militant Communism advancing from the Soviet Union. The congregations that are founded along that line came into existence not as the result of human plans but as the result, we believe, of a higher power. This line of faith extends 650 kilometres from the Carpathians in the South to the White Russia in the North and is year by year being more strongly fortified. From that line the light of the Gospel shines westward to the Ukrainian people, and we believe that the time is coming when the people of the Soviet Ukraine will welcome that light, designed to disperse the darkness of atheism.

''The 12th annual report shows that there are already thirty-four congregations with regular services, but we have contact with seventy-five. Last year in seven new places our work was opened, but the services are continued in two only; through lack of proper buildings, the authorities have forbidden the others. In spite of that, 290 new members were added; the total official membership now reaches 3,020. In twenty Sabbath Schools 473 pupils are enrolled; in five localities religious instruction is given in public schools to the Ukrainian Evangelical children. (The children between seven and fourteen years of age, when their parents join the Evangelical Church, must still attend the Catholic classes of religious instruction.) There are only four Young People's Societies, with a membership of 204, so far organized. . . .

''In the places where the services are held, as well as in the cities and villages throughout the country, there are many declared sympathizers, but the lack of missionaries and of suitable buildings, or the inability of the poor to pay the governmental fees for joining the new Church, prevents them from official membership in the Church. As it is difficult to obtain permission to hold the services in the new places, the policy of the Church must be to develop the work and gain new adherents in the old places.

''For that purpose it becomes necessary to provide suitable places for worship. Out of thirty-four congregations only five meet in their own chapels; three use the German Evangelical Churches, and the rest hold their meetings in peasants' cottages consisting of one room, in which they must live. Under such conditions the week-day meetings, the meetings for the children and young people, are necessarily neglected. The congregations appeal to us insistently to help them toward the erection of chapels. Missionary reports show how wide the door for the Gospel among the Ukrainians in Poland is opened.

''One missionary reports: 'January (1938) was very hopeful for our work in my district. I was invited to the Buhryn district. A considerable number in seven new villages have decided to join the Evangelical Church. On January 22nd and 23rd informative meetings were held. Many people have signed the declarations to join. In two villages the police took a hostile attitude against the people who signed these declarations, fined them under different pretexts, such as, the yard was not clean, etc. In another place the service was to be held on January 30th. About 5,000 people were gathered. I had reported the meetings to the authorities; nevertheless, when I came to the village I was kept under arrest for one day and the people were dispersed. I tried again to get permission to hold the service there, but in vain. The people from these places, 60-70 kilometres distant, come to our services in Riwne on foot.'

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''In some places the people themselves sign the declarations, send them to the authorities, and then endeavour to obtain the permission to hold the services.

''The work was started twelve years ago by two Presbyterian missionaries from the United States of America and Canada. Last year eighteen salaried workers were employed. Nine students studied in theological and missionary schools in six countries. This dispersion has some advantages and disadvantages; one of the latter is a too wide doctrinal difference.''

With the assistance of the United Society for Christian Literature in London, the Ukrainian Press Committee in Holland, and a friend in Switzerland, some literature has been published, but to meet attacks on the Evangelical movement more advanced literature is needed. More buildings are urgently needed. Groups and individuals in other countries have contributed towards the cost of new meeting-places; usually, it is reported, fifty per cent. of the cost is provided by the congregations.

There is one Ukrainian Protestant day school, with thirty-six children enrolled. In connection with it a school home is maintained for the poor children who come from outside the town.

''Although the work struggles with many difficulties, it is blessed with growth of faith and grace of God. This is what upholds the people in overcoming their difficulties, when they become Evangelical. They have experienced the new power of the Saviour, which came to them through preaching and hearing of His Gospel. Many instances of that power are to be found among happy and thankful converts.

''That this blessed message of peace is being brought to the eager hearts of the spiritually hungry people is due to the moral and material help of our Protestant friends in many lands, to whom we extend hearty thanks and appreciation. We commit ourselves to their memory in the future and trust that the truth of the Gospel will enlighten in due time the eager hearts of the forty-five million Ukrainians.''

Publications Department

By Margaret Ness

THE Young Women's Department has brought out a most attractive booklet, **Services of Worship,** which is available for Senior Auxiliaries, too. The complete services are included, as well as the Young Women's hymn (Pray-Give-Go) with the music. Price 25c.

The Mission Band study book, **Talks on New Ways in the King's Service,** which includes a supplement based on our own mission fields for the leader, is now ready. Price 35c.

The Study Kit for the girls' groups will be ready for distribution by the end of June. Two books, a play, a poster chart, and Programme Trails are included. Price 75c.

For summer reading may we suggest: the Cameron books—**Gillian Munro, Stories of the Doctor, From a Cottage in Pennycock Lane, Street of the Spinners, Adventures of Elizabeth Gray,** (selling for $1.00 each); and **The Doctor, More About the Doctor, The Doctor Calls Again, Angus Our Precentor, Helen Rose and Her Children, Boysie, Gorry,** (selling for 35c. each); the companion books **Women of the Old Testament** and **Women of the New Testament** (75c. each); **Little Brown Babe,** a story of a Christian marriage in India ($1.00); Redwood's still popular **God in the Slums, God in the Shadows, God in the Everyday,** and his two latest, **Pines and Pit-Props** and **An Handful With Quietness** (all, 35c. each); **Japanese Women Speak** (60c.); **Lady Fourth Daughter of China** (35c.); **The Jew and the World Ferment** (60c.); **China Calling** (50c.).

We are now stocking Oswald Chambers' **Seed Thoughts Calendar** at 25c. each. This little book has an inspirational message for each day in the year.

Other books of an inspirational and devotional nature are: **The Path of Prayer** and **The Way to Pentecost,** both by Chadwick; **The**

Greatest Thing in the World, by Drummond; **Jesus Christ**, by Deane. All of these are in a 35c. edition.

Remember to order your Thank-offering envelopes in plenty of time: 100 for 35c., 25 for 9c.

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. John D. Holman, *Secretary*

SOME THINGS THAT WE SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW

Your group may have the answer to one of the following questions. If so, will you write us of the plan that has proved the most successful for you? We should like to pass on to other groups your method of dealing with these problems.

1. How do you provide for the active participation of each member of your group?
2. How do you try to enthuse other young women who are not interested in the missionary enterprise?
3. What method do you use to take up missionary study, when an intensive study is not possible?
4. How do you develop the spirit of giving in your members (time, talents, and money)?
5. What do you do to develop the prayer spirit?
6. What use do you make of the *Glad Tidings* in your meetings?
7. What provision do you make to give your offerings during July and August?
8. Do you plan your programme for the year in advance?
9. Have you found it more satisfactory to have your programme year run from September to June or from January to December?
10. Do you hold two Thank-offering meetings a year, at Easter and Thanksgiving?

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. John Kelman, *Secretary*

Dear Leader and Girls:

VACATION days are here again and most of our readers will be on holiday. We trust that the days may be filled with happiness for each of you and, whether you are holidaying by lake or mountain or in one of our many camps, we wish you a pleasant time of rest and refreshment, both physical and mental.

Feeling the holiday mood upon us, we are going to follow the example of others and fill this page with extracts from letters we have received from here and there, letters which tell what the people are doing in the far corners of our Dominion. I hope you enjoy reading them as much as we did.

From Halifax, Nova Scotia: ''We did not have a regular session on Good Friday, so I invited my group to our house. We had a sing-song of Easter hymns and read H. V. Morton's description of the observance of Holy Week in Jerusalem *(In the Steps of the Master)* . . . This week-end we attended the annual conference and what with 'chauffering' delegates from out of town to the meetings, helping with an interest group in Bible study, and attending four services on Sunday, I'm pretty tired. *But the girls enjoyed it and that's the main thing.''*

From Geraldton, Northern Ontario: ''The C.G.I.T. girls, with the assistance of the Friendship Club, held the first Mother-and-Daughter Banquet to be held in Geraldton. It was held in the church with sixty people in attendance. The tables were centred with scenes of the sporting activities of the club. A miniature camp, complete with log cabin, birch-bark canoe, tents, and a camp-fire represented Summer. The prize-winning table represented Winter with skating and skiing scenes. A third table had a miniature camp-fire which was lit when the girls sang their fire song. A cake moulded in the shape of a lamb, iced with white cocoanut, represented Spring at the head table. We had to borrow everything we used for the banquet, with the exception of chairs, and the girls brought their own cutlery, placed on the table beside their place cards. When they left, each girl was given a paper bag to carry home her soiled silver, the best arrangement we could think of.—*When I think of equipped kitchens not appreciated!''*

From Three Hills, Alberta: ''We have a group of twelve members. We have bought hymn books for the church and supplied clothing and other gifts for people in need, also sent fifty dollars to the missionary work of the Church. All members are good pianists; our minister says he can get twelve organists from our group. Members are teen-age girls, all attending school.''

There is a breath of inspiration in these letters and we feel proud of our leaders and girls who can triumph over difficulties and who, remote from the things that so many of us deem necessary to our well-being, contrive to make their difficulties stepping-stones to success. Perhaps some of you who have been almost on the point of saying, ''There is nothing more to do'', will take a lesson from our letters and come back in the fall eager to try something new that will tax the ingenuity of our girls and teach them to make the most of what they have.

We, too, feel the call of the great out-of-doors, and we go to join the holiday-makers.

MISSION BANDS

Mrs. A. R. Riddell, *Secretary*

BABIES IN BRITISH GUIANA

THIS month we wish to tell you about the babies of our missionaries in British Guiana, Rev. James Dunn and Mrs. Dunn, of New Amsterdam, Berbice, and Rev. deCourcy H. Rayner and Mrs. Rayner, of Suddie, Essequibo.

Charles Alexander Dunn

Charles Alexander Dunn, ''called Zander or Zan for short'', was born in New Amsterdam on the 10th May, 1937. In spite of the great heat, Zander is never still, except when he is asleep. At first, he was highly indignant when his mother shut him up every day in the good-sized play-pen his father made for him, but now he will stay in it for an hour, perhaps, playing with his toys. Many of his toys are the same as children in Canada have—toy animals, dolls, and wooden toys of all kinds, but one of his favourites is peculiar to that country, a rattle called a calabash, because it is the dried fruit of the calabash tree. The dark brown rattle is pear-shaped, with the stem end much longer; the baby holds it by this long part and shakes the dried seeds. He also uses it as a teething ring, so that his mother has to be continually washing it for him. These calabashes, which grow away in the interior, are prepared for sale by the aboriginal Indians. (In British Guiana there are West Indians who are black people; East Indians, dark brown in colour—it is among them our missionaries work; and aboriginal Indians, who look very much like our Indians in Canada.) Very few of the latter ever come from the interior to New Amsterdam; some must come occasionally to Georgetown to bring such things as these small calabashes to sell. The calabashes that grow along the coast are quite different and are used as dippers. A black mother is often seen bathing her baby in the yard, the child standing on a board and the mother kneeling beside him, with soap, a pail of cold water, and half a calabash; after washing the child, she dips up water with the calabash and pours it over him to wash off the soap.

Zander also has two small *balatta* dolls, made of a brown leathery substance, dressed like East Indians; one, a man with a pink turban, a red coat, and a white loin cloth with a sort of apron in front, and beads around his neck; and the other a woman, with a yellow blouse, a blue skirt, and a pink *sari,* and bracelets on her arms and ankles, a nose-ring and ear-rings. (East Indians who can, however, usually dress now like the white people, but the poorer women love the bright colours. They all have long hair, but keep it covered under a sort of turban or a *sari.* They wear shoes only on their wedding-day, when they usually have a white dress. No matter how poor they are, they save money to buy the jewellery they so much love.) Zan is keeping these dolls to try to show his little Canadian friends what the people he lives among look like. Of course, he has alligator eggs and feathers of the local birds, too. At present his closest friend is John Michael Gray, two and a half months older than he is, whose father is in the Government service; they often go riding in their prams together or visit each other. On the 12th September Charles Alexander was christened by Rev. deC. Rayner at the Providence Church in Berbice. If he could speak, his mother is sure he would want to be remembered to each and every Mission Band member in Canada.

Sally Ruth Rayner

Sally Ruth Rayner was born in Georgetown, British Guiana, on the 22nd January, 1938, and was baptized by the Rev. James Dunn at Akashwani Church, Johanna Cecilia, on the 20th March. ''She is a lovely baby with fair hair and blue eyes.'' Perhaps when she is a little older we may hear more about her.

New Story Book

The Mission Band Story Book, ''Talks on New Ways in the King's Service'', for use from September 1938 to June 1939 is now ready. The stories tell of aeroplanes, motors, radios, scientific discoveries, etc., and their use in missionary work. A supplement containing ''Helps'' for the leader is included with each book. The book may be ordered from our Publications Department; the price, 35 cents, includes book and supplement.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

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A CORRESPONDENT from Rocky Mountain House writes of the service the new hospital will render to that district, and speaks of "the relieved look on many faces now that the dread of a sixty-mile drive, fourteen miles of it through mud, for hospital service no longer hangs over them."

Edmonton P.S.—Following the May Presbyterial Executive meeting, a reception was tendered the five girls from First Presbyterian Church, Edmonton, who graduated this year—Rosetta Moors, from the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, Toronto, and Norma Cuthbertson, Helen McRae, Margaret Huinink, and Mary Reeves from the Bible School, Vancouver. Mrs. D. G. McQueen, in a very impressive address, recalled her pioneer days in Alberta and pointed out that the opportunities are the same to-day—the fields ripe unto harvest. In brief replies, the girls expressed their desire to serve wherever the Master might call them.

Red Deer P.S.—The annual meeting of the Red Deer Presbyterial was held on May 16th in St. Andrew's Church, Olds, with about forty delegates present and Mrs. Hugh Jack presiding. The devotions were taken by Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Bradley, of Olds. Satisfactory reports were presented. Each Auxiliary President, answering the roll call, told which department had made most progress, which needed building up, and any new feature used in the meetings. It was decided to hold two sectional meetings in June, at Red Deer and at Olds, with Miss Lamont as speaker. Mrs. L. Ray, of Willowdale, was appointed to travel throughout the Presbyterial to keep active the Mission Bands organized by Miss Macdonald; and a similar arrangement was made for girls' groups and Young Women's Auxiliaries, with Mrs. Rabideau in charge. A letter to Miss Matthews from Mrs. MacKay, of India, was to be sent to the Auxiliaries. Mr. Taylor, of Olds, brought a short message based on Ephesians 4. Mrs. P. Weaver, of Carstairs, gave a full report of the Provincial meeting, and two little girls sang a duet. The Olds ladies served dinner and tea to the delegates, and during the tea hour a purse was presented to Mrs. Jack, the retiring President, who with her husband, Rev. Hugh Jack, is going shortly to Seaforth, Ontario. Mrs. R. J. Chrystal, of Carstairs, made the presentation, voicing the regret of the Presbyterial in losing Mrs. Jack. The newly elected President is Mrs. A. Forrester, Red Deer.

Calgary P.S.—Dr. E. H. Thurrott, of the Jhansi field, India, passed through Calgary on her way to New Brunswick, and members of local missionary organizations enjoyed a half-hour visit with her at the station.

The Thank-offering meeting of Knox Church, Calgary, was well attended. Rev. T. Rodger gave an excellent illustrated address on India.

At Grace Church Thank-offering meeting Mrs. R. M. Harvey, of First Baptist Church, gave a unique presentation of the missionary movement, comparing it to a caravan. She used a chart depicting eight covered wagons, each representing a Women's Missionary Society group, whose leader was likened to the driver. The play depicting deaconess work in Alberta was repeated by members of the Young Women's Auxiliaries, and again proved of interest. The information was accurate, up-to-date, and easily assimilated.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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KAMLOOPS–OKANAGAN P.S.—The annual meeting of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbyterial was held in Kamloops on May 4th with Mrs. W. A. Wyllie presiding. In her address Mrs. Wyllie urged the members to consider new methods of work that have been successfully tried in other places. The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. McCurrach, advised more publicity of the work of the Women's Missionary Society as a means of increasing membership. The afternoon session opened with a service of remembrance for Mrs. E. Porte and Mrs. J. T. Armstrong. Miss P. B. Lamont gave a splendid address on the work of the Women's Missionary Society and the responsibility of members; she stressed the value of Mission Band and Young Women's work, and reminded the delegates that the chief work of the Society is to make the voice of the King of Kings heard around the world.

Kootenay P.S.—A pleasant feature of the spring Thank-offering meeting of Cranbrook Auxiliary was the presentation of a Life Membership certificate to Mrs. W. S. Glassford, formerly of Beaverton, Ontario. Lantern slides of ''The Pioneers'' proved very interesting.

The Ellen Dow Mission Band of Creston and the leader, Mrs. Percy Robinson, entertained the mothers and friends of the members on April 22nd. For completing the year's work set by the Enlarged Council Executive, Mrs. J. W. Dow presented gold pins to nine members.

Victoria P.S.—On May 9th in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria Presbyterial had a rally and reception for Dr. John Buchanan, who has given so many years of untiring service to the Bhils of India. Dr. Buchanan spoke briefly of six heroines he had personally known in his work there—his beloved wife, his daughter Ruth, Miss Mildred Soutar, Miss Bertha Robson, and two very outstanding young Bhil women who have devoted their lives to the work of our Master.

The Searchlight Mission Band of Erskine Church was reorganized in

April. The members have each received the name of a missionary in the Bhil field for whom they pray daily.

Mrs. F. W. Allott spoke on ''The Visions of the Bible'' at the Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Young Women's Auxiliary.

Westminster P.S.—The Mission Bands of New Westminster united in a Mission Band rally in historic St. Andrew's Church.

At the Thank-offering meeting of St. Stephen's Auxiliary, North Vancouver, Rev. John McTurk gave an inspiring address based on Acts 16:13.

Prince Rupert Auxiliary reports a special meeting to hear Miss Lamont, who gave an interesting address and led discussions. At its April meeting Dr. D. Lister, of Vancouver, gave an address.

Murrayville Mission Band was presented with the banner for proficiency at the spring rally of Mission Bands of Westminster Presbyterial.

At the Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, New Westminster, Mrs. R. M. Thomson, Provincial President, gave a most instructive illustrated talk on the pioneering work of the Women's Missionary Society in Northern Ontario and the western provinces.

MANITOBA

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THE twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Manitoba Provincial Society was held on May 4th and 5th, in St. James Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg. Mrs. A. Evans presided at all sessions. Devotions were in charge of the three Presbyterials, Brandon, Superior, and Winnipeg, and in the evening, of the Synod of Manitoba. Greetings were brought by Mrs. J. W. Matheson, of the Anglican Church, Mrs. A. Maxwell, of the Baptist Church, and Mrs. E. Bayne, of the United Church; and the President read greetings from our Council Executive.

Mrs. A. Evans in her address stated that a study of missions greatly enlarges one's circle of knowledge. It broadens our sympathies and increases our faith in God and our confidence in the power of the Gospel to help and save mankind. Short messages were brought from the three Presbyterials. Mrs. Gray, of Brandon, said the keynote was service—''We must go forward''. Miss Smellie, of Superior, spoke of the distance between their Auxiliaries, Mrs. Gordon of Geraldton having spent two nights on a slow train to get to their annual meeting, but rather than miss it, would come by dog train. Mrs. H. Dunwoody, Winnipeg, said: ''The greatest need of our Church at home and abroad is the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.''

The Provincial was greatly honoured in having two returned missionaries at the meeting, Miss H. Hermanson, of Formosa, and Dr. Elizabeth Thurrott, of India. Miss Hermanson's interests are in the hospital; but in nursing the sick she brings the influence of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to bear on her work. Dr. Thurrott wore a *sari* when speaking of her work of relieving the sick and preaching the Gospel.

At the banquet in the evening Mrs. Williamson welcomed the delegates, Mrs. R. A. Hamlin responding. Rev. W. J. Allen, of Brandon, Moderator of Synod, in his address, said that he liked the spirit of optimism prevailing; there was a spirit of abounding enthusiasm in a quiet way laying sure foundations for service for the community, for the country, for the Church, for God. The C.G.I.T. group of St. James is to be congratulated on their pageant, ''From Self to Service''. Rev. R. Esler, minister of St. James, said that two things in the session impressed him: the oneness of the work, and the deep responsibility felt by the members.

Mrs. D. Ross gave a very comprehensive report on the finances, after which Mrs. D. Allison gave the dedicatory prayer. Reports from all departments were most encouraging. Let us remember Mrs. H. A. Robson's closing message: ''Next year is our twenty-fifth anniversary. Let us have Dr. Robertson's vision as ours. Let us pray that our Church may become missionary-minded. Let us go forward.''

Winnipeg P.S.—Many members and friends of the Auxiliary of Old Kildonan Church met at the home of Mrs. J. P. Duffin, past President, for the Easter Thank-offering. A helpful message, based on John 19, was given by Mrs. H. H. Dunwoody. A goodly sum was received.

The annual Mission Band rally was held on May 21st in First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg. The Presbyterial Mission Band Secretary, Mrs. James Rodgers, presided. The attendance showed a marked increase, all Bands being represented. Miss Macdonald, deaconess, spoke of her work. Readings, choruses, and missionary plays were given by the children of various Bands. Mrs. Dunwoody spoke of the splendid work of both leaders and children, and Mrs. A. Evans, Provincial President, in a short address expressed the hope that our work in the future would be carried on in this same splendid way.

ONTARIO

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TO the members of the Ontario Provincial Society—Greeting.

The annual meeting is now history. The happy, helpful intercourse and uplift are memories, but memories that live on in a deeper desire and an intensity of purpose. May I recall two thoughts that I trust will be an ever-present influence in the lives of all of us as we serve during the year: first, the theme of our meeting, ''Forward with Christ'', and second, that which makes the first possible, ''Abiding in Christ''? ''Abide in me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. . . . He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing.'' St. John 15: 4, 5.

The past is ours no longer. ''To-morrow's chance we do not need to borrow. To-day is here.'' How shall we use to-day that to-morrow may find us unashamed? The next annual meeting will be the 25th, the Silver Jubilee. These special occasions mean much to all. So that we may the more worthily celebrate this Jubilee, let us begin to-day. May we repeat the recommendations already accepted: (1) In each Presbyterial an increase of twenty-five over this year's membership in each department—Senior, Young Women, Girls, Mission Bands, and Home Helpers; (2) In each Presbyterial an increase of twenty-five subscriptions to the *Glad Tidings.* With each new year, each Presbyterial plans to reach its share of the estimates assigned to it in full. As an additional and special part of these plans may we suggest an anniversary offering of twenty-five cents a member? Certificates presented this year will have an added interest. We wonder what the girls in their groups will plan, and what the Mission Bands will contribute. Someone has already suggested a ''Birthday Tea.'' We do hope that each Presbyterial and each Auxiliary will plan carefully to mark the occasion in some way agreeable to all the members. We ask, too, that a complete record be kept of what is done in each Presbyterial.

May God's richest blessing be upon each member and the service rendered in His Name during this year.

—*Margaret Williams.*

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Ideal weather, a large attendance, and a deep spiritual atmosphere marked the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of Sarnia Presbyterial in Paterson Memorial Church, Sarnia. Four charter members were present. During the service of remembrance, in charge of Mrs. D. Ritchie and Mrs. C. H. McDougall, a basket of fifty golden roses was placed on the altar. Mrs. T. W. Nisbet, eighty-three years of age, the only surviving member of the executive organized in St. Andrew's, Sarnia, fifty years ago, prepared and read a history of the Presbyterial. An Honorary Membership was presented to her on behalf of the Presbyterial, a Life Membership to Mrs. James Milroy, and a Junior certificate to the Jubilee Mission Band of Paterson Memorial Church. Mrs. D. Strachan, Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), a former member of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, was the speaker at the afternoon and evening sessions. Presbyterial, Provincial, and Council representatives took part in an impressive candle-lighting service. The Jubilee Mission Band took part in an attractive parade of gold and white W.M.S. banners, and St. Andrew's Mission Band, Sarnia, presented a pageant, ''A Bag of Good Wishes''.

At the Young People's Summer School at Glenmohr, July 23-August 1, Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, Reg.N., of Jobat, India, is to be in charge of mission study. All who have heard her will feel that to live with her and listen to her vivid descriptions for a whole week will be almost as good as a visit to India.

Encouraging reports were presented at the annual meeting of Saugeen Presbyterial in St. Andrew's Church, Mount Forest, special mention being made of Junior Auxiliaries. Mrs. K. B. Schroeder, of the Provincial Board, was the speaker. An inspiring message was given by Rev. John R. Waldie, Arthur. Holstein was chosen for the 1939 meeting.

Mrs. W. D. Turner presided at the Brockville Presbyterial annual meeting in Knox Church, Iroquois. Mrs. W. A. McLennan, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), the special speaker, gave excellent addresses, on ''Shareholders in a Great Adventure'' and ''Things Worth While''. Mrs. B. Stringer, Lansdowne, conducted an impressive memorial service. Mrs. Gibson, Cardinal, and Mrs. M. W. Heslip, Prescott, the wives of two new ministers of Brockville Presbytery, were welcomed. Reports were encouraging. To a member of the new Irene Stringer Mission Band at Lansdowne a Junior certificate was presented, the first presented there since 1925; the Mission Banders themselves earned the money.

The first Mission Band rally in Maitland Presbyterial since 1925 took place in St. Andrew's Church, Wingham, with an attendance of 140. Molesworth Band conducted the devotional period. Members from Cranbrook, Teeswater, South Kinloss, Whitechurch, Lucknow, and Wingham contributed musical numbers and recitations, and Brussels Band presented a play depicting the life of the frontier missionaries. Mrs. J. D. Wilkie, returned missionary from Formosa, told of children's work there and showed things of interest. Much appreciated was a message from Mrs. J. R. Hill, Ottawa. Members of Wingham Auxiliary served refreshments. The annual meeting of Maitland Presbyterial held in Ethel was well attended. Mrs. Kenneth MacLean, Wingham, presided. Mrs. J. D. Wilkie described the hospital, schools, and Happy Mount Leprosy Colony and told of their work. Mrs. J. S. Armstrong presented the Mission Band awards—to Miss Dorothy Armstrong, Brussels, for the best essay on the M. G. Abey Memorial Home, Amkhut, and for a Mission Band exercise by the Ethel Band. Mrs. Wm. Ekins, Hespeler, and Miss Violet Tennant, Toronto, delivered earnest messages at the evening rally of young women and girls. Reports showed literature sales almost doubled, an increase in membership and givings in Young Women's Auxiliaries, and Brussels the Banner Band. Home Helpers and Welcome and Welfare work were stressed.

Knox Church Mission Band, Sudbury, in North Bay P.S., recently took part in a successful pageant and concert, after which ten Junior memberships and pins were presented to ten faithful members.

Orangeville Presbyterial annual meeting in Claude Church is reported the largest and most interesting held for some time, with 125 registered. The retiring President, Mrs. R. D. Fraser, Dundalk, was presented with a basket of roses in recognition of her untiring and devoted work, and the new President, Mrs. Watt, with a Bible from her own Auxiliary. Mrs. J. D. Holman, the special speaker, also conducted the election and installed the officers. Burns Church Auxiliary, Erin, presented a Life Membership certificate and pin to Mrs. J. A. Grant.

Reports at the annual meeting of Algoma Presbyterial, in Westminster Church, Sault Ste. Marie, showed progress and an increase in givings. Miss Gertrude Templeton presided. Mrs. J. Ver Straate, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, brought greetings from Superior Presbyterial and gave an inspiring address on the ''Great Fellowship'', stating that the Church has always moved on through missionary efforts. Sincere appreciation of the benefits received from Miss Laura K. Pelton's visits to the Grace Stone and Mavis Reoch Auxiliaries in May is reported. She addressed both Auxiliaries and a joint supper meeting in Westminster Church Hall; fellowship with her was a great privilege.

Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, India, a member of Barrie Presbyterial and a native of Collingwood, was a guest of honour at the Barrie P.S. annual meeting in Elmvale. Mrs. K. N. Cooper presided. Greetings were brought from the Anglican and United Church missionary organizations. Mrs. V. A. Smith, Provincial Vice-President, was the guest speaker and conducted the election and installed the officers. Mrs. M. W. Heslip presented the banner to the Penetanguishene Mission Band.

Over a hundred officers, delegates, and other members of Guelph Presbyterial met in Rockwood Church for the annual spring rally. Mrs. W. P. Gamble presided. Rev. J. J. Lowe, Moderator, brought greetings from Presbytery. Mrs. H. M. Coulter, Brampton, spoke on ''Stewardship''. A questionnaire, conducted by Mrs. H. Mainprize, dealt with many phases of the work and brought helpful suggestions. Mrs. J. Small, Elmira, gave a sketch of the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies since 1900, with a list of Guelph Presbyterial officers in 1912.

Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterial held its annual meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Southampton. Reports showed gratifying progress, with a gain in givings. The highlight of the afternoon was Dr. Jessie MacBean's address on ''Women of China, Past and Present''. Rev. Mr. Fleming, Chesley, brought greetings from Presbytery, and Rev. S. M. Gordon, Chatsworth, conducted the election and installed the officers.

Kingston Presbyterial had a fine attendance for its annual meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Gananoque. Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, India, was guest speaker. In response to the roll call each Auxiliary reported an item of interest in the year's work. Tribute was paid the memory of two faithful officers, Mrs. A. Fargey and Miss E. L. Mowat. A report of the Provincial meeting in Galt was given.

Mrs. J. A. Hilts, past President of the Provincial Society and Rev. E. E. Preston, Vankleek Hill, gave addresses at the annual meeting of Glengarry Presbyterial in Knox Church, Moose Creek. Mrs. D. Mason McLennan, Lancaster, presided morning and afternoon, and Mrs. W. J. McKillican, newly elected President, in the evening. Reports told of increased and devoted service on the part of Senior and Young Women's Auxiliaries, C.G.I.T. groups, and Mission Bands. Rev. W. Fitzsimmons, Moderator, brought greetings from Presbytery. Mrs. McLennan based her address on the ''Go Ye'' of Christ. Mrs. Hugh McIntyre, Maxville, in the closing message, advised members to continue in their work, enlarging and expanding their field, ever keeping in mind the words of the Master, ''Lovest thou me? – Feed my sheep.''

Many and varied were the activities of Chatham Presbyterial where Miss Violet Tennant was an honoured visitor in May: in Leamington on May 14th and 15th an Interdenominational Conference for teen-age girls and leaders, a banquet in the United Church, and a candle-lighting service in the Presbyterian Church; on Monday a Mother-and-Daughter banquet in St. Andrew's Church, Windsor; in First Church, Chatham, a meeting of the girls' groups of Chatham district. For one meeting the Dresden C.G.I.T. had a jolly paper chase and a pot-luck supper. First Church Auxiliary, Chatham, presented an Honorary Membership to Miss Belle Angus from a legacy left to the Auxiliary by her aunt, Miss Helen Angus. The Amherstburg Auxiliary recently celebrated its twenty-first birthday, when the first President, Miss Hackett, gave an interesting talk on their activities during the twenty-one years. The Senior Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, held a successful Lilac Tea and heard Adjutant Doris Barr, of Grace Hospital, speak on Formosa. Their Mission Band held its annual Easter Tea. At Thamesville the Home Helpers Secretary presided at the annual Home Helpers meeting; Mrs. L. Herbert was made a Life Member. At Ridgetown Miss Clarke, of the High School staff, spoke on ''New Canadians''.

QUEBEC

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MONTREAL P.S.—Mrs. Charles H. Thorburn, O.B.E., of Ottawa, addressed a largely attended luncheon gathering of members and friends of Knox Crescent Auxiliary at their April meeting. Mrs. Thorburn stressed especially Western needs, citing instances to show how scattered communities in the Peace River district, out of reach of church services, welcomed the missionary who came their way. The speaker described missionary effort as the greatest enterprise in the world. There were still some women, she found, who did not believe in missions; but really missionary work was simple obedience to the command of Jesus to carry the Gospel everywhere. The Christian Church must be essentially a missionary church. The Women's Missionary Society is the most direct way of sending the Gospel to women and children in other lands. It is also the most economical means. Mrs. Thorburn pointed out that cost of administration never exceeds one and one quarter per cent. of the amount raised for missions. She reminded the women of the pioneer work of the Church at home and abroad and urged that the Women's Missionary Society uphold that standard. She also spoke on the Easter message, stressing the significance of Easter in the Christian Church through the centuries. The ''marching orders'' given by Christ after His resurrection were still in force, and the motto of our Society was ''The World for Christ''.

Mrs. A. W. Pae, who has taken such a prominent part in the work of our Society and who for three years was President of the Montreal Presbyterial, has recently gone to live in Toronto. Prior to her departure the Young Women's Auxiliaries of the Presbyterial, of which she was Young Women's Secretary, at a meeting in Kensington Church expressed their regret at her removal and made a presentation in token of their regard and esteem. The Presbyterial President, Mrs. Charles Johnson, gave a tea in her honour, at which the sub-executive and a few friends met to express their good wishes and to give further evidence of their affection by presenting her with an address and purse. The removal of Mrs. Pae from Montreal Presbyterial leaves a blank that it will be difficult, indeed, to fill, but we know that her splendid talents and whole-hearted enthusiasm will still be exercised in her new home, to which she carries the sincere good wishes of all who have been associated with her in the work so dear to us all.

The annual Mission Band rally, held in Kensington Church, Montreal, on April 18th, was one of the largest for several years; 425 members from nineteen Bands were present. The Maisonneuve Band won the banner for the city district, while Athelstan and Riverfield Bands won the out-of-town banner. Mrs. Charles Johnson, Presbyterial President, brought greetings and Mrs. Muir, Provincial Mission Band Secretary, congratulated both leaders and members of the various Bands for their splendid work.

Quebec P.S.—The Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Sherbrooke, held its Easter Thank-offering meeting on April 28th. The address was given by the Rev. J. R. Graham, minister of the church, who spoke on ''The Challenge of Home Missions''. The speaker pictured the new mining districts of northern Quebec and stressed the need of missionary work there. The President, Mrs. O. H. Parker, expressed the thanks of the meeting for so informative and stimulating a talk on this particular phase of our Church's work. A social hour followed during which the Treasurer announced a most gratifying thank-offering.

SASKATCHEWAN

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PRINCE ALBERT P.S.—Rev. K. H. Palmer was the guest speaker at the Easter Thank-offering meeting of the James Nisbet Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church, Prince Albert. The affiliation services of the C.G.I.T. groups took place under the leadership of Mrs. Saddlemyr and Miss Lorna Palmer.

The Cameron Mission Band of St. James Church, Melfort, held a social meeting on February 14th, to which the mothers and the Auxiliary members were invited. The handwork of the Band was on exhibition. A short missionary programme was given, and new mite-boxes were distributed. Refreshments were provided by the Auxiliary. Fifty visitors were present. The Band now has thirty members.

Moose Jaw P.S.—At its Easter Thank-offering meeting Knox Church Auxiliary, Moose Jaw, had the privilege of hearing Rev. G. F. Baulch, of Wilkie, a former pastor. The delegates to the Provincial and the Presbyterial meetings presented very encouraging reports, Moose Jaw being the banner Presbyterial for the year.

The Auxiliary of Knox Church, Briercrest, at a well attended meeting, including a number of visitors, heard a comprehensive report of the Provincial meeting. A splendid paper on ''Essentials of Our Christian Belief'' was given by Mrs. E. MacNaughton, who traced through the birth, the ministry and death of our Saviour the essentials of Christian faith, ending with the Easter message of the Resurrection.

Regina P.S.—Dr. Elizabeth Thurrott from Jhansi, India, stopped over in Regina for a day on her way to her home in New Brunswick, and met with the Provincial and Presbyterial Executives. Her visit was greatly enjoyed as she quietly talked of her life and work at Jhansi. The native dress she wore added much to the interest, and her ''snaps'' of life and people there, the brass, embroidery, and curios gave a vivid picture of that part of God's vineyard.

Saskatoon P.S.—At St. Andrew's Auxiliary meeting, one of the members reviewed the first chapter in the study book for this year, dealing with Japan.

Parkview Auxiliary, Saskatoon, at its Easter Thank-offering meeting, was privileged to have Miss Garrison, of the Sudan Interior Mission in Africa as speaker. Miss Garrison's inspiring address was illustrated by slides.

At the April meeting of North Battleford Auxiliary reports of the Provincial and Presbyterial meetings were given to an interested group of members.

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May 31st, 1938

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Mrs. Jas. Thomson, "Foreign Work"	2.38
Refund from Vegreville School Residence	100.00
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Government Grant for Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	2,500.00
Government Grant for Birtle Indian School	2,500.00
PROVINCIAL GIVINGS:	
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Manitoba	261.17
Ontario	9,000.00
Quebec	1,050.00
Saskatchewan	75.00
	$16,019.10

DISBURSEMENTS

Hospitals:	
Canora	$ 389.16
Vegreville	250.00
Chinese in Canada	644.30
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School	595.16
Government Grant for Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School	2,500.00
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Government Grant for Birtle Indian Residential School	2,500.00
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India:	
Bhil Field	188.33
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Candidates	12.00
New Missionaries	108.32
Publications	709.00
Exchange	5.58
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Equipment for Rocky Mountain House Hospital	100.00
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	$15,103.21

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Special Funds—	
Payment on New Liskeard Residence	$ 100.00
Collection on South Porcupine Accounts	3.00
Interest	75.00
Rent of Bungalow in Japan	30.00
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Interest	250.00
Special Retiring Fund for Missionaries—	
Manitoba Provincial	3.68
Interest	531.74

Legacy Fund—	
Estate of Catharine McMillan	450.32
Interest	57.75
Sustaining Fund—	
Interest	317.50
	$1,818.99

DISBURSEMENTS

Legacy Fund—	
Rocky Mountain House Hospital	$1,400.00
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Encouraging News from Manchuria

THE present disturbed situation and distress of mind disposes many to give heed to Christian preaching.

Reports recently presented for 1937 show that there is a real hunger for religious instruction on the part of the peoples. Converts have been gathered in large numbers at all the centres, and a wider extension of the work into untouched areas is clearly indicated. The Government has not restricted freedom for work or movement about the country.

There is want, hunger, and suffering everywhere, and non-Christian officials and others well disposed have given large assistance, frequently on condition that the relief is administered by missionaries and native Christians.

—From *The Missionary Review of the World.*

MYSTERY

I take pleasure in lovely things;
The flight of birds on rustling wings,
The green of grasses, crisp and clean,
A silvery stream where willows lean,
The amber of a bushland pool
Where evening takes her winds to cool,
The butterflies with jewelled wings,
The rocks where shining seaweed clings,
The bushes where, at dawn, I spy
Cobweb curtains spread to dry.
I think, perhaps, at close of day
God walks upon our earthly way
And touches with His gentle hand
The garden where my roses stand,
And, to their golden hearts He flings
The starshine from His angels' wings.

—Una V. Foster, in *Ministering Women.*

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Editorial

The Death of the Moderator

HAVING just gone to press when word came of the sudden death on the 20th of June of the Moderator, the Rev. Donald MacOdrum, D.D., we can only now join with others in paying tribute to one whose fine personal qualities and faithful ministry had been so recently recognized by his election to fill the highest office in the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Hardly three weeks after he had entered upon the arduous duties of Moderator he passed away at his home in Brockville, Ontario. For almost forty years Dr. MacOdrum had been a minister of the Church, with congregations in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Ontario, latterly in First Church, Brockville. Always deeply interested in the mission work of our Church, he visited Trinidad in 1913 while Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee and in 1927 was a member of the delegation sent to visit the mission fields in the East. To Mrs. MacOdrum and her sons our members extend their sincere sympathy.

A Visitor from the Peace River

ON the 14th of June Mrs. W. H. Mitchell, Deaconess Secretary, introduced to the Board the Rev. J. M. Fraser, of Brownvale, Alberta, who had been a commissioner to the General Assembly. He had, she said, been very kind to the Board's workers in the Brownvale district, Miss Todd, Miss Rollo, and Miss Madill. The Women's Missionary Society, Mr. Fraser assured the members, had great reason to be proud of its workers—they were doing all they possibly could, in every way, carrying on Mission Bands as well as girls' and women's groups, all of which meant much driving. Miss Madill was very busy last winter, with sickness everywhere. Miss Rollo helped with Church services, two or three a Sunday, or two and Sunday School. She conducts the Sunday School in Brownvale and goes out to other points for the afternoon and evening. On behalf of the people and the session, Mr. Fraser expressed appreciation of the kindness, co-operation, and support received. It meant a great deal to the work to have some one to organize the women and children. No one had been better qualified, more consecrated and self-sacrificing than Miss Todd. Discouragements come, but they carry on. ''The results'', he said, ''are not ours.''

Mrs. Logie Resigns

IN June the Council Executive very regretfully accepted the resignation of Mrs. James Logie as one of its members. From its earliest days she was associated with the work of the Women's Home Missionary Society, serving on its Board of Management and various committees; after the amalgamation of the three Societies she was a member of the Council Executive of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.). In 1907, when Mrs. R. S. Smellie was President, the Board accepted Mrs. Logie's suggestion of having Home Mission Helpers or, as they were to be called, Home Helpers, and asked her to take charge of the department and, wherever possible, organize such members. Until June of this year—for thirty-one years—she remained Home Helpers Secretary, till 1914 in the Women's Home Missionary Society and afterwards in the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.). She watched the department develop into an important branch of the Society through which the interest in the work has been greatly extended and strengthened. With the regret that she is no longer a member of the Board is mingled a feeling of thankfulness for her long years of faithful service.

New Secretary

THE Council Executive is glad to announce that Mrs. J. A. Hilts has been elected Home Helpers Secretary, to succeed Mrs. Logie.

Council Meeting

THE Council of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) will convene on Monday, the 26th September, in Wychwood Church, Toronto.

Three Missionaries Leaving

ON the 20th August three of our missionaries left Vancouver on the *Empress of Japan* for the East: Mrs. Langdon Gehman and Miss Helena Gibbs going to their new field in Manchuria, and Miss Isabel Taylor returning after furlough to her work in North Formosa.

To Go to Madras

MISS VIOLET TENNANT has been appointed to go to the meeting of the International Missionary Council at Madras in December as one of the Canadian delegation in Miss Pelton's place.

Busy on Her Furlough

WITH more than a hundred other nurses from different parts of Canada and one from Korea, Miss Hildur Hermanson, of the Mackay

Memorial Hospital in Formosa, was taking a six-weeks' post-graduate course at the University of Manitoba this summer.

Friends of the Vegreville Residences

MRS. G. R. LANG, who is now living in Edmonton, has always retained her interest in the work in Vegreville in which she and her husband were associated for many years until his retirement in 1923. Consulting with Mrs. Arthur, Mrs. Simons, and other friends in Edmonton, she was planning, we are told, a gathering of those who were interested in the work of the Women's Missionary Society in Vegreville and as many of the former pupils as possible. She has kept in touch with the matrons and with a good many of the boys and girls who passed through the Residences, many of whom are now in good positions, some in Edmonton, many on farms or in business around Vegreville. The Residences are closed, but their influence goes on in the lives of those who passed through them. A former pupil is reported to have said recently, in speaking of some children of to-day: "If they only had the training we got in the Homes!"

A Pioneer Nurse

JUST when the closing of the hospital at Vegreville and the opening of the new one at Rocky Mountain House had brought the hospital work very much to mind, word came of the death on the 3rd of June of Miss Elizabeth J. Bell, one of the pioneers in the work. Miss Bell died in Teulon Hospital where she began work thirty-four years ago, having been sent out by the Women's Home Missionary Society to take charge of the new hospital there. When she resigned in 1920 because of ill-health, Dr. A. J. Hunter said: "Her sixteen years of service have left an impress on this community that will not disappear." In 1924 she was appointed superintendent of the Women's Missionary Society's hospital at Ethelbert, Manitoba. After her retirement she returned to Teulon to live.

Veteran Missionary Passes

ANOTHER of the early missionaries to China, Rev. Murdoch MacKenzie, D.D., died on the 8th of July in his eighty-first year. Sent out by the Presbyterian Church in Canada in 1889 to the new Honan field, Dr. MacKenzie served there as a missionary for forty-seven years, latterly under the United Church of Canada.

Death of Chief Dreaver

OF particular interest to all Presbyterians is the news of the death, on the 3rd August, of a staunch supporter of our Church, Chief Dreaver of the Mistawasis Cree Indian Reserve. Chief of the tribe for the last fifty-five years, he died on the reserve where he had spent most of the eighty-five years of his life, the last of the hereditary chieftains,—not long after he assumed the leadership the Federal Government decreed that all chieftains must be elected. His grandfather, Chief Mistawasis, in 1876 signed the Carlton Treaty handing over a large part of the Cree territory in northern Saskatchewan to the British, who promised, in turn, to care for the Indians ''while the grass grew green and the rivers flowed towards the sea''. Chief Dreaver received into the Cree tribe as chieftains the Governor-General, Lord Tweedsmuir, and the Prime Minister, Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King. At the annual council of the League of Indians at North Battleford honour was paid to the chieftain, Chief Charles Fine Day, ninety-two-year-old warrior, praying that the Indians might never forget the noble example set by Chief Dreaver. He is survived by a son, Joe. His grand-daughter, Mary Dreaver, was for a time at the Society's school residence in Prince Albert.

''Glad Tidings'' Day

THREE years ago a *Glad Tidings* Day programme was published in the magazine and widely used by the Auxiliaries. In our October number we expect to give another *Glad Tidings* Day programme, which, it is suggested, should be used in October or November.

On the first of July, at the Landour Hospital, a daughter, Marian, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cheshire of Jhansi, India.

God the Creator

I find Him by the waves that, wildly tossing,
Fill all the little rocky pools with blue,
And tangle gleams upon the sea's wide bosom,
That stretches out beyond my mortal view.

I find Him in the golden woods of Autumn
Which He has lit with tapers from His Hand;
Amidst the burning reds and russet bracken,
I feel the ground is holy where I stand.

And in the garden oft I find Him walking,
Amongst the lilies white that guardship keep,
Where flowers with folded hands are softly praying,
And everything is silent—hushed for sleep.

—Edith A. Vassie, in *Life and Work.*

Missionary Designated

IN a solemn, dignified service in St. Paul's Church, Simcoe, Ontario, on the 21st of June, Miss Helena Walker Gibbs was designated as a missionary of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, to serve as an evangelist in Manchuria under the Women's Missionary Society, Western Division.

The service, which was under the auspices of the Presbytery of Paris, was in charge of Rev. J. W. Whillans of Brantford, Moderator, who was assisted by Dr. A. C. Cochrane of Tillsonburg and Rev. David Gowdy of Paris. Rev. A. R. Ferguson of Simcoe preached the sermon. Referring to the unsettled state of the country to which Miss Gibbs was going, he reminded her, and all his hearers, that ''troubled circumstances cannot hurt the soul, and in His good time God will bring order out of chaos.'' After outlining events that had influenced Miss Gibbs in the choice of her life work and speaking of her qualifications and preparation for that work—her training in music and business, her course at the Toronto Bible College, then at the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, Toronto, followed by a year's practical experience in work among the women and children of our Chinese mission in Toronto—, Mrs. W. A. McLennan, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), presented the candidate to the Presbytery for designation. The Moderator conducted the dedication service, after which the members of the Presbytery extended the right hand of fellowship to the newly designated missionary. Dr. Buchanan, pioneer missionary to the Bhils in India, taking as the subject of his address: Preach the Word, spoke to the two new missionaries—Mrs. Gehman, who goes to Manchuria with Miss Gibbs, was also present—words of admonition, counsel and encouragement.

Miss Helena W. Gibbs

On behalf of the Women's Missionary Society, Mrs. Albert Maas, Secretary for China and Manchuria, presented an English Bible to Miss Gibbs, and Mr. H. L. Dawes, a Chinese Bible from the Bible Society. On behalf of the Mildred Soutar Auxiliary, Mrs. Sara Sharp and Mrs. Carl Gracey presented to her a useful five-year diary. Present at the service was Mrs. Jonathan Goforth, veteran missionary to Manchuria, who assured Miss Gibbs and Mrs. Gehman of a cordial welcome from the missionaries on the field. To Miss Gibbs she gave a copy of *Goforth of China,* her biography of her husband, and to Mrs. Gehman a copy of her *Book of Memoirs,* the story of her first twenty-five years of missionary work.

Miss Gibbs is the third missionary to go to overseas service from St. Paul's Church, the others being her aunt, Mrs. Victor Veary, of the Sudan United Mission in Africa, and Rev. A. E. Toombs, of the Bhil field, India.

Designation of Mrs. Gehman

ON Wednesday evening, the 22nd of June, in Knox's Church, Galt, Ontario, the Presbytery of Guelph met for the purpose of designating Mrs. Langdon Gehman, Reg.N., as a missionary of our Church. She will serve as a nurse-evangelist in Manchuria under the Women's Missionary Society, Western Division.

Mrs. Langdon Gehman

The service was conducted by the Moderator, the Rev. J. J. Lowe, of St. Andrew's Church, Galt. Rev. H. L. Bennie of Acton delivered the address. Referring to the Samaritan woman's meeting with Jesus at Jacob's well, he said that Jesus asked men to give Him of the little commonplace things they had, and when they gave to Him they in turn received great gifts. Before presenting Mrs. Gehman for designation, Rev. E. A. Thomson of Elora, Clerk of Presbytery, recounted events in her life leading up to her appointment to missionary service. Formerly Miss Mildred Ronald, she was educated at Wrigley's Corners Public School, the Galt Collegiate Institute, and the Hamilton Normal School. She taught at Morriston before her marriage. After her husband's death she trained as a nurse in the Brantford General Hospital and later engaged in nursing. In 1936-37 she took a course at the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home in Toronto preparatory to going out to the mission field. When arrangements for sending her and Miss Gibbs to Manchuria last year had to be cancelled because of war conditions in the East, she took a course in Public Health Nursing in Toronto. The Moderator then conducted the dedication service; and the right hand of fellowship was extended to the newly designated missionary by members of the Presbytery, members of the session of Knox's Church, and representatives of the Women's Missionary Society.

Mrs. W. A. McLennan, President of the Women's Missionary Society, Western Division, spoke of Mrs. Gehman's fitness for the great work being entrusted to her— ''Our candidate goes exceedingly well prepared, with the finest qualities of mind and heart, with a thorough knowledge of her work, with good judgment, and with zeal and a passion for conversion.'' Rev. J. D. Smart, Ph.D., of Knox's Church, addressed the new missionary, who is a member of his congregation, pointing out that when the fires were kindled in foreign fields there was a revival of the Church at home, and, on behalf of the congregation, wished her God-speed in her journey and in her work.

On behalf of the Women's Missionary Society, Mrs. Maas, Secretary for China and Manchuria, presented a Bible to Mrs. Gehman and the Bible Society gave her a Chinese one. From Guelph Presbyterial Mrs. W. P. Gamble brought her a gift of money; from the Presbytery Rev. M. B. Davidson, D.D., of Central Church, Galt, gave her a travelling bag; Dr. Smart, from the session of Knox's, a travelling rug; and Mrs. George Taylor, blankets, the gift of Knox's Auxiliary, the Ladies' Aid, the Parent-Teachers Association, and the Canadian Girls in Training.

A CHALLENGE

The door swings wide
To eager, questing souls that throng and press
Forward, seeking for light and life and hope.
Right at its portals, hearts perplexed and dumb
They stand, with silent clamour calling.
Outside is darkness. Fear's oppressive sway
Rules heart and life. But underneath
A hope has stirred, and eagerly they press
To reach the door.

The door swings wide
To where the Christ has passed His shining way.
With loving hand He beckons, Follow Me.
And wistful hearts are stirred—which long, yet fear,
To cross the threshold to that path unknown.
Outside they stand, waiting a helping hand,
A loving hand to bring them on their way.

But

''He has no hands but our hands
To do His work to-day;
He has no feet but our feet
To lead men in His way.
He has no voice but our voice
To tell men how He died;
He has no help but our help
To lead them to His side.''

—A. Borrie, from *The Harvest Field,* New Zealand.

Reminiscences

By Mrs. A. R. McMurrich

IT is interesting to remember that the Women's Home Missionary Society grew out of hospital work. The names that come uppermost in thoughts of the Atlin Committee are those of Mrs. James Maclennan and Mrs. D. J. Macdonnell, both of whom passed away before the close of the last century. It was their example and inspiration that impelled my mother, Mrs. R. S. Smellie, to accept the convenership of that committee and to help plan and organize the Women's Home Missionary Society. These women had seen the effectiveness of that little pioneer hospital in the far Yukon and sensed the need for more medical work of the same type, and for school residences, at that time planned mainly for the children of the foreign-born 'new Canadians', in addition to the growing demand for more work among the Indians. In 1903 as a result of their vision, the Women's Home Missionary Society was organized with Mrs. R. S. Smellie as its first President.

My own sympathies and services were also enlisted and, being the 'baby Board member', I acted as a sort of aide-de-camp to my mother, whose health even at that time was not of the best. One does not forget the thrill of first experiences in a great cause and my memories of those early days are very vivid.

There were many difficulties and discouragements, and some opposition, but the spirit of those women was dauntless and the steady growth and ever-widening scope of the Women's Home Missionary Society proved its value. Exact dates are at the moment unavailable, but well do I remember at one of the early meetings a letter being read from Mrs. Boswell of Elora, Ontario, a warm supporter of the new Society, stating that she wished to give a sum of money for a memorial to her husband and, having heard of the need of a hospital at Vegreville, wished to learn particulars, in the hope that this might be her objective. It was decided at once that the President should visit Mrs. Boswell to explain the whole situation to her, and I had the great joy of accompanying my mother, of hearing plans develop, and seeing their completion, for it was not long before the Rolland M. Boswell Hospital became a reality.

Years later, at our annual meeting in Windsor in 1927, Mrs. D. G. McQueen of Edmonton made an impassioned appeal for a new hospital at Vegreville, or for sufficient money to put the old hospital in a state of good repair and provide some modern equipment. Our finances at that time would not permit of the former request being granted and there was some doubt as to the advisability of the latter. Once again I had the privilege of visiting, this time with Mrs. McQueen, that frail little widowed lady in her quiet home in Elora, as it was thought possible that she might wish, and be in a position, to augment her generous gift. Mrs. Boswell listened with the most profound interest to Mrs. McQueen's story and then stated very plainly that, while she regretted that it was not possible for her to give any further financial assistance and that the Women's Missionary Society was anxious about the future of the Hospital, whatever happened she would always feel that it had fulfilled the purpose for which it was given.

That was eleven years ago. Mrs. Boswell is with her husband and the son whose memory she so delighted to honour. In the same way that those women of a bygone day did not hesitate to close the Atlin Hospital when it seemed that its time of usefulness and necessity was spent, so we, giving thanks for its wonderful history of pioneer service and for all those who laboured or were healed therein, abandon the shell of the Vegreville Hospital, but its spirit goes with us and, we hope, the same blessing from Almighty God to the new hospital at Rocky Mountain House.

The Rolland M. Boswell Hospital

By Miss A. L. McPherson

THE Rolland M. Boswell Hospital, built in 1906, has served Vegreville and a large surrounding district for the past thirty-two years. It was with great regret that the people of Vegreville saw the closing of the hospital. Many different races — British, German, Ukrainian, Roumanian, and others—have been cared for within its walls.

A great mission work has been done in the past. The new Canadians had to be educated to the idea that the hospital was the only safe place to care for their sick. Many brought their children or came themselves with fear and dread in their hearts at first. Those who received care and comfort from the hospital told their friends. The doctors and nurses tried in many ways to impress upon them the benefits derived from the hospital. Now, when sickness occurs in any of their homes, the patient is brought to the hospital at once.

Not only did the hospital care for the sick, but it gave help in other ways. The different Presbyterials sent splendid bales to the hospital. These bales contained hospital supplies, clothing, bedding, layettes, dolls, toys, and books. All needy mothers were given layettes for their babies, and clothing for their other children, if needed. The nurses kept the names of the children whose parents had no money for toys or dolls. At Christmas each of these was sent a nice Christmas box, containing a doll, toy, book, Christmas goodies, and clothing if needed. A great many needy families were helped with bedding and clothing from the bales. These were not always patients. The hospital had a large garden, too, and every year fresh vegetables were given to those in need of them.

The history of the work done by the Rolland M. Boswell Hospital could not be written without paying tribute to Dr. R. M. Reid. For over twenty years Dr. Reid has given his help and support to the Rolland M. Boswell Hospital. He not only gave medical care to the hospital staff, but in all these years he has cared for the sick children at the Boys' and Girls' Residences, all gratis. He had a good part in the mission work done by the hospital. Part of our mission work has been giving what care we could to patients who could not be taken to the hospital. Dr. Reid's bag was kept ready at all times for emergency. A nurse has gone with him to help set a broken leg, give an anæsthetic, and many times help at maternity cases. Those who could be moved were taken to the hospital; others were made comfortable at home. Of late years the nurses have not had much of this work to do, the people making greater efforts to get to the hospital.

The Vegreville Ladies' Hospital Aid has had a great share in the assistance and support of the hospital. The members of this organization were the Protestant and Jewish ladies of the town. They met at the home of one of the members every month. Entertainments and teas were put on to raise money for the hospital. Once a year the town was canvassed. Every fall a tea and fruit shower was held, at which over one hundred quarts of fruit were donated. They gave many valuable and useful gifts, such as furnishings and furnace for the nurses' home, frigidaire, surgical beds, etc., and helped with the upkeep of the hospital.

September

Hail, month of early frost and shortened days,
Thou magic artist, who doth night by night
With subtle brush the maples all bedight
Scarlet and gold; whose every hour displays
Some new enchantment! E'en while it dismays
That all so soon thy beauty must take flight,
Now on the lambent air comes the delight
Of autumn odours, and my loss allays.

Though even now confer the migrant birds,
And on the fields are stooks of golden grain,
Waiting the coming of the farmer's wain,
That tell of summer's going plain as words,
Still do I know that this is not the end,
And in my purse some beauty have to spend.

—George Frederick Clarke.

A Chapter Closed

"And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick."

THE same commission with which Jesus sent forth His disciples of old has been that of His Church ever since. Wherever missionaries have gone they have gone to preach and to heal. Thus when ministers of our Church went out to serve the thousands crowding to the Klondyke and northern British Columbia in the "gold rush" towards the end of the last century, they found they must minister to the physical ills as well as to the spiritual needs of the men. Then came Dr. John Pringle's call to the women of the Church to help in caring for sick miners at Atlin, the prompt response in the decision to send experienced nurses to work with the missionaries, and the formation of the Atlin Nurse Committee, to be followed by the organization of the Women's Home Missionary Society to assist the Home Mission Committee in needy sections, especially of the West. Atlin Hospital was the first of a series of hospitals established to serve pioneer settlements at a time when immigrants were entering our country in thousands and Canadians from the east were seeking new homes on the western prairies and in the north.

In 1905 the Rev. J. C. Herdman, D.D., Superintendent of Missions for British Columbia and Alberta, appealed to the Women's Home Missionary Society on behalf of Galicians, or Ruthenians—now called Ukrainians—many thousands of whom had come to settle in the Canadian West. His special plea was for a hospital that would minister to the needs of a colony of over forty thousand near Vegreville, about seventy miles east of Edmonton, reported to be the largest Galician settlement in the Dominion. These people had no means of caring properly for their sick and were in dire need of just such service as a mission hospital would afford. The Society determined to give what help it could. In her "Reminiscences" (page 316) Mrs. McMurrich tells how that help became possible. In order to obtain the government grant and meet the requirements of the case, the Board of Management reported, work was undertaken on a larger scale than was intended, at a cost of about $6,500, the extra cost being met by a grant from the Board and a contribution from the people in the Vegreville district. On the 29th October 1906, therefore, the Rolland M. Boswell Hospital, a memorial to the donor's husband, was opened at Vegreville, with Miss Alberta Playfair as superintendent.

The *Home Mission Pioneer* of February 1907 announced that Rev. A. Paterson, M.D., was to be medical missionary to the Galicians and also medical superintendent of the Rolland M. Boswell Hospital at Vegreville. In the same issue we read that "the first infant born in the hospital, a fine healthy boy, was given the name of Rolland Boswell by his grateful and appreciative parents.'' The next year the hospital was closed for a short time but, certain matters having been adjusted, it was re-opened in September with a new staff: Miss Mitchell, Miss Dyce, and Miss Plaunt.

From the beginning the hospital ministered to those in need, whether of British or non-British birth. The Society's Travelling Secretary found that it afforded an opportunity for our work that was found in no other part, and Mrs. H. M. Kipp is reported by the *Pioneer* of March 1908 to have said on visiting it: ''It is apparent to everyone here that the Rolland M. Boswell Hospital is in the very best centre for active medical missionary work, and that it is bound to be a great blessing to the people it seeks to reach through its deeds of mercy. Its sphere of useful Christian influence as well as the opportunity for self-denying, Christ-like service are not surpassed elsewhere.''

In May 1908 the Rev. George Arthur, M.D., formerly of Wakaw, was appointed medical superintendent of the hospital. ''With such an energetic, earnest medical missionary at its head'', says the Society's report, ''there is every hope to believe that the Rolland M. Boswell Hospital will be a soul and life saving agency in that large and promising colony of foreigners.'' At once a great deal was done to improve the building and the grounds, and other improvements and additions from time to time greatly increased the convenience of the hospital. It was soon necessary to send in a fourth nurse. At the annual meeting of the Society in 1909, Dr. Arthur appealed for a house for the nurses, with the result that $1,000 was voted for the purpose and on the 12th of July of that year the Nurses' Home was formally opened. In the hospital itself electric light had been installed and hot water heating, and a small building put on the property for an isolation ward. ''Vegreville could not get along now without the institution, which is more than fulfilling the anticipations of the W.H.M.S. when they first planned the erection of the hospital here'', stated the *Vegreville Observer* about that time.

Dr. Arthur had told the Board that the suspicion with which the people viewed the work was being gradually disarmed, the hospital proving a means of breaking down national prejudices. Strange to the country and ignorant of the language, many of the patients could not, at first, understand that the hospital was for their use and were persuaded to go to it only when other means failed. The cleanliness and comfort, the kindly treatment at the hands of efficient Christian nurses and doctors won them, however, and they went home to tell others how they had been helped in the mission hospital. In her report for 1912 Mrs. Arthur said that, while about half the patients were Ruthenians, the hospital had been a great boon to all the people of the town and the surrounding country. ''People come in their own ox-carts or are sometimes brought in by a mounted policeman, who has come upon some cases of illness and destitution''. New Canadians as well as English-speaking people availed themselves more and more of the care and comfort the hospital afforded.

In March 1914 Dr. Arthur resigned. Rev. G. R. Lang, who was appointed to take charge of the Society's educational work in Vegreville, acted as Secretary-Treasurer, and in May Miss Agnes Clinkscale became superintendent. The volume of work increased, but patients, many brought long distances over the trail, still found skilful treatment and kindly nursing, together with Christian teaching, in the hospital. The local doctors gave their services without charge. ''Too much cannot be said on behalf of the gratuitous service rendered the work by Drs. Reid and Monkman'', one reads in one report. And ''gifts of the Hospital Aid added greatly to the appearance, comfort and convenience of the hospital.'' For the valuable assistance of the Rev. William Simons, District Superintendent for Alberta, the Board was very grateful.

There were frequent changes in the hospital staff, and in 1923 Mr. Lang retired. In 1924 Miss A. L. McPherson was appointed superintendent, a position she filled until the hospital was closed this summer. For her devoted service during many trying years the Women's Missionary Society and the community in which she worked so faithfully owe her their profound gratitude.

A great increase in work meant a crowded building but the Society could not then supply the larger one needed. Then followed more difficult years because of crop failures, with fewer patients and greater difficulty in collecting payment. Again conditions improved. The time had come, however, when many changes would have to be made, at great expense to the Society, if the hospital were to be maintained as a well-equipped, modern hospital. Then other conditions had changed: the community had now efficient hospital service with up-to-date hospitals in Vegreville and other towns of the district, so that the need for a mission hospital had passed, and what help the Society could give should go to some other community unable to provide hospital care for its sick.

The Board, therefore, decided that the Rolland M. Boswell Hospital, having fulfilled the purpose for which it was founded, should be closed. In accordance with this decision, the hospital was closed in June: the last patients, Miss McPherson reported, were discharged on the 10th of June and the nurses left the next morning.

School Residences

The educational work of the Women's Missionary Society was, in its origin, closely linked with the medical. It had its beginning in missionaries, doctors and nurses, taking in non-English-speaking children and teaching them our language and customs, supervising their studies, and in every way trying to help them to become worth-while citizens. Finding contact with the older people difficult because of the different languages and the customs that the newcomers could not give up in the new land, they felt that they might help the children, who were, moreover, handicapped at school by their ignorance of English. Dr. Arthur, appointed in 1903 to mission work at Wakaw, Saskatchewan, near Ruthenian and Hungarian settlements, not being familiar enough with their languages to conduct religious services among them, decided to open a school. Some from a distance desiring to attend, he took four as boarders in his own house, charging a dollar a week; nine others brought provisions on Monday and stayed until Friday at his home, called the ''Polyglot Manse'', as five languages were spoken.

When Dr. Arthur was transferred to Vegreville to take charge of the Rolland M. Boswell Hospital, he did not, we are told, lose his vision of a new Canadian youth from non-Anglo-Saxon homes educated through the efforts of the Presbyterian Church. During the winter of 1908-09 he held night school classes, but these did not meet the need—those who attended were old enough to have their habits formed. The General Assembly in 1910 granted Dr. Arthur permission to raise money to erect a home for boys. Towards this the Women's Home Missionary Society contributed $500. That first School Home, situated near the hospital, was opened in August 1910, with accommodation for twelve boys. As many more applications were received, preference was given to orphans and then to the poorest boys. Dr. Arthur's mother kindly offered her services as matron. Besides, four other boys lived in Dr. Arthur's house and two at the hospital. The boys attended the public school, and, in addition, were taught useful work in and about the home. That year nearly $3,500 ($3,416.10, to be exact) was realized from the sale of a calendar prepared by the editors of the *Home Mission Pioneer*, Mrs. C. P. Smith and Mrs. D. Strachan, ''for the education of foreign children''. The Home, Dr. Arthur wrote in the *Pioneer* of January 1911, was ''for the purpose of giving an opportunity to a number of Galician boys to attend Public School, and at the same time to give them the advantage of all good influences possible, kindly Christian training in the home, and attendance at Church and Sunday School, with the hope that from among these boys may arise prophets, teachers and healers of their own people''. His aim was to keep the boys at school until they could get third-class teachers' certificates. A second house was purchased in 1911 at a cost of $1,900, paid by the Board. The two Homes, accommodating twenty boys, were under two matrons, Mrs. Arthur and Miss Stewart, whose salaries were paid by the Society.

This educational work soon expanded, as its importance became more and more evident. In 1912 ''through the generosity of Rev. G. W. Fortune and Mr. Boswell of Elora'' two other homes were added.

In 1913 it was reported that in the four homes were thirty-five boys and eight girls and that ''a member of the Board and a Mission Band in Vegreville have purchased two lots on which to build another Girls' Home.'' No task seemed more urgent than that of training the children of the new Canadians; it was felt that the blessing to the Church and the country would be permanent and far-reaching. In her report for 1916 as Secretary for Educational Work in Western Canada, Mrs. Strachan noted a marked difference in the attitude of parents towards the work, and a great readiness to pay something, in money or produce, for the support of their children. In 1917 the old Girls' Home was replaced by a new Home which would house twenty girls, and could be fitted to accommodate ten more. The new Boys' Home erected on the same block as the Girls' Home made it possible to have all the boys in one house; the cost of this Home, formally opened on February 1st, 1923, was met from the Peace Thank-offering. In August of that year Rev. G. R. Lang retired as Superintendent after nine years' faithful service, and Mr. F. J. Earl took charge. In 1928 Miss Johnstone (Mrs. Adam Robertson) became Superintendent, with Miss McKee matron and Miss I. McRae teacher. After five years Mrs. Robertson retired in 1933, and Miss Gibson became matron of the Boys' Residence and Miss McKee of the Girls'. With difficult conditions in the West, fewer pupils were enrolled and payments decreased, except in produce. When in 1935 Miss McKee retired after twenty-two years of devoted work, all pupils were accommodated in the Boys' Residence under Miss Gibson. Last year the Presbytery reorganized work at Vegreville and Rev. M. S. Blackburn became minister of Vegreville and Ranfurly and Superintendent of the Residences, with Mrs. Blackburn as matron. For their self-sacrificing service and wise counsel, the Board is greatly indebted to them. Although the Girls' Residence was re-opened to accommodate more children, it was felt that in view of changed conditions the time had come for closing that work, too. The work of Hospital and Residences had always been closely connected and, without the former, the latter could not be maintained. The School Residences of Vegreville, therefore, have been closed.

The decision to close the work of the Women's Missionary Society at Vegreville could not but bring regret, but there was, too, thankfulness for the opportunity of serving that community for over thirty years through the Rolland M. Boswell Hospital and the School Residences and all the men and women who have given devoted Christian service in those institutions, and profound gratitude to the doctors, especially Dr. Reid, whose loyal support and co-operation in everything affecting the welfare of the hospital has made that work possible. As the hospital at Vegreville closes, a new one is being opened by the Society at Rocky Mountain House.

From the ''Vegreville Observer''

In an article on the closing of the R. M. Boswell Hospital in June after many years of pioneer work the *Vegreville Observer,* after giving a brief history of the hospital, says:

''It is not lack of funds which has led to the decision to close the hospital. At the time it was opened there were no hospital facilities round these parts closer than Edmonton. It was a missionary venture to fill an existing need and that need is now covered by hospitals at Lamont, Mundare, Willingdon, Viking, Mannville and other points, especially the General Hospital here, erected a few years later than the R. M. B. The Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, therefore, feel that their funds can be better utilized in much the same work in some outlying point where the need of such missionary endeavour is greater.

''Nevertheless, the citizens of Vegreville view with extreme regret the closing of the R. M. B. It has been a good hospital, admirably conducted, where patients have been received and treated with every possible kindness and consideration at a minimum cost—sometimes no cost at all. The R. M. B. has been, definitely, a power for good in the community.

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''At the end of June, the Presbyterian Homes for Boys and Girls also close their doors. These were established by Dr. and Mrs. Arthur in 1910 and their purpose was also of a missionary nature. At that time, school facilities did not exist in many parts of the district. There were also cases of orphans and neglected children, whose unhappy condition appealed to the W.M.S. So the Homes were duly established and took care for many years of just such children. . . .

''The reason for closing the Homes is practically the same as that given for the closing of the hospital, namely the Homes were a missionary effort, the need for which has largely disappeared. Rural schools are now established in all parts of the district and the taxpayers thereof are quite able to carry their own educational burdens. Having served their purpose faithfully and well, it is not out of place that the Homes should be wound up.

''Many brilliant students, who made their mark later in life, received their first opportunities for education through the medium of the Homes. They were fine institutions, giving boys and girls much more than mere educational chances, in that efforts were made to train the pupils in the amenities of life, moral and spiritual values and the courtesies which arise from culture.''

Silvery soft by the forest side,—
Wine-red, yellow and rose,—
The wizard of Autumn, faint, blue-eyed,—
Swinging his censer, goes.

—*Lampman.*

Prayer

WE come to Thee in humility, dear Lord, for the evidence of Thy wonderful goodness during the past summer months. Seed-time and harvest have come and gone; this part of our world has been beautiful with its growth; one may plant, another may water, but it is God who giveth the increase, and for all of these things we thank Thee, dear Lord, on bended knee.

Thou knowest how frail we are and how prone we are to stray while day by day we accept this marvellous bounty from Thee. Wilt Thou strengthen us and teach us to keep our hearts and minds receptive for Thee, so that others may know we have been with Thee.

Give us understanding hearts and breadth of vision in all our undertakings. For the months that lie ahead fill us with zeal for the study and the spreading of Thy work; let us not be discouraged in any way but press on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ.

Wilt Thou give to all our missionaries both at home and on the overseas fields a great measure of strength and encouragement, and may they have a full and blessed reward in their work and the constant sense of Thy help.

Open the hearts of those of us at home to give every assistance possible both in prayer and givings, so that the work of our Missionary Society may not be hindered.

And now, dear Lord, wilt Thou bless us and guide us in all things, give to our country peace and Christian hearts, and wash from us the stains of our past sins and give us grace and power to amend our ways and to live more nearly according to Thy will. Amen.

O God, above the drifting years,
The shrines our fathers founded stand,
And where the higher gain appears,
We trace the working of Thy hand.

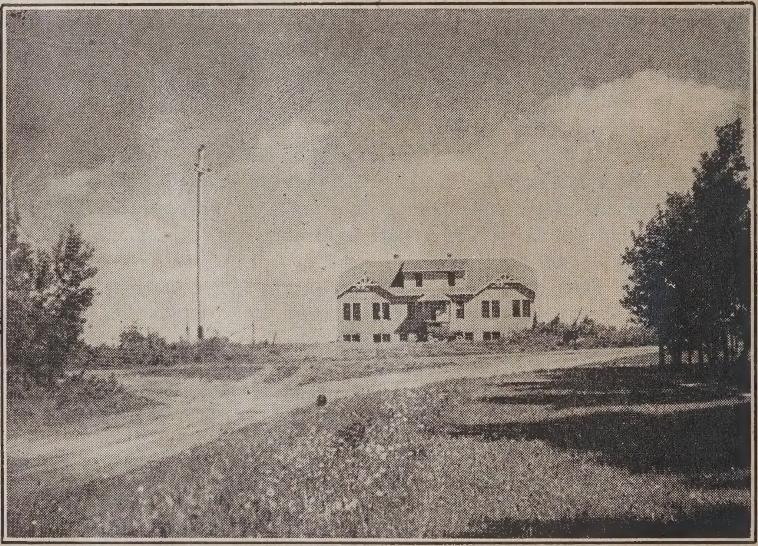
Fill Thou our hearts with faith like theirs
Who served the days they could not see;
And give us grace, through ampler years,
To build the Kingdom yet to be.

—John Wright Buckam, in *Missionary Monthly.*

New Hospital Opened

"IT is truly another milestone in the history of Rocky Mountain House, one of Alberta's oldest and most historic spots," said Dr. M. R. Bow, Deputy Minister of Health for Alberta, at the official opening on the 14th of July of the new Rocky Mountain House Hospital built by the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

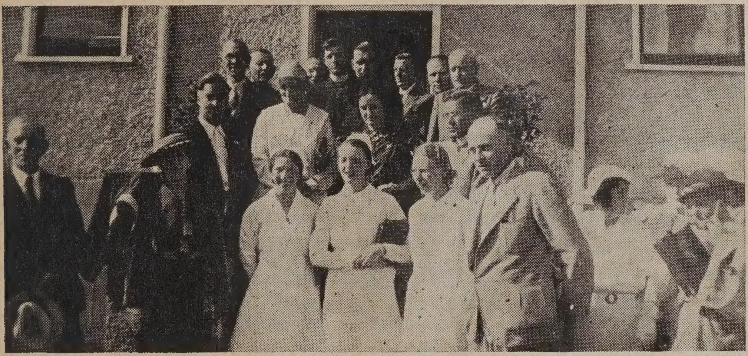
Under a clear sky and a hot sun between four and five hundred people gathered for the opening ceremonies which were held on the hospital grounds, with Mr. E. S. Brett, President of the Board of Trade, acting as chairman. As "a fairy tale that had come true" (the Women's Missionary Society being the fairy godmother), Mr. Brett briefly related the story of the hospital up to its completion. Mayor W. H. Teskey reviewed the work of the committee in raising funds—of the $4,000 promised by the community more than half has already been contributed—and getting the hospital built. A. J. Hooke, M.L.A., spoke of the village and surrounding district and of what the hospital should mean to the community. Rev. R. K. Peck and Dr. A. C. Greenaway spoke briefly; the latter, referring to difficulties encountered in the past and to the service rendered by local nursing homes, stressed the value to the community of a modern, well-equipped hospital in charge of an efficient staff.



Rocky Mountain House Hospital

In his address Dr. M. R. Bow paid tribute to the work of the committee and the community generally in assisting the Women's Missionary Society to found a hospital, ''one of the finest and best equipped small hospitals in the province'', and expressed the hope that in the operation of the hospital the superintendent and staff would receive from the community the same loyal support as did the Board of Trade in the work of securing it. On behalf of the Provincial Department of Public Health, Dr. Bow then declared the hospital officially opened for service to the community.

The chairman immediately handed the key of the building to Miss Mary Cuddy, Superintendent of the Hugh Waddell Memorial Hospital at Canora, Saskatchewan, who represented the Women's Missionary Society on this occasion. After thanking the committee and the community for their interest and support, Miss Cuddy introduced Miss Irene McRae, the Superintendent of the new hospital, and Miss Verlie Evans and Miss Elsie Lloyd, assistant nurses, and, on behalf of the Society, presented to them a Bible for the hospital.



At the opening of the Hospital

Front, from left: Rev. Mr. Peck, Mrs. Peck, Miss Evans, Miss McRae, Miss [illegible]d, Dr. Bow. *Second row:* Dr. Greenaway, Mrs. Sykes, Miss Cuddy, Rev. Mr. Allen. *Back:* The Mayor, Rev. J. Taylor, Rev. D. Cameron, Mr. Brett.

The Rev. J. Taylor of Innisfail, Moderator of the Presbytery of Red Deer, conducted the dedication service. Following Scripture reading and prayer by the Rev. Donald Cameron of Carstairs, Mr. Taylor formally dedicated the hospital ''to the glory of God, and the service of the community in the alleviation of sickness and suffering''.

Mrs. H. Sykes, President of Alberta Provincial, briefly related the history of the hospital work of the Women's Missionary Society, referring to the noble efforts and devotion to duty of some of its workers. On behalf of the Provincial Society she presented to the hospital staff a Book of Praise as a companion gift to the Bible.

The impressive ceremony closed with prayer by the Rev. R. K. Peck and the National Anthem led by the band.

The hospital, a three-storey stucco building, has been equipped with furniture, linen, X-ray and other equipment from the Rolland M. Boswell Hospital at Vegreville, which the Women's Missionary Society closed in June.

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It is of interest to know that the first baby born in the hospital was the first grandchild of Mayor W. H. Teskey,—the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Good, the latter being the first patient admitted to the new hospital.

Rocky Mountain House

Reprinted from the *Calgary Herald*

ROCKY Mountain House has a hospital. The frontier village has electric light, recently brought in, and a daily bus service. Twenty-four-hour telephone service is being sought.

But these are only the outward trappings of modern civilization. Deep inside, Rocky is old, and its history goes a long way back, through a wild succession of adventures.

For this village on the North Saskatchewan, 50 miles west of Red Deer, is one of the few remaining frontier towns of the West. The original "Rocky" was established in 1799 by the Northwest Company, and was situated on the opposite side of the river and about two miles upstream from the present site.

Here two crumbling sandstone chimneys and a cairn unveiled in 1933 remain to mark the spot where once stood one of the most important trading posts of its time. From 1800 to 1811, David Thompson used it as his headquarters while he explored the Columbia River and its tributaries. Twice destroyed by Indians, it was finally abandoned in 1875 when encroaching civilization made it no longer profitable.

The modern village was first begun at the eastern end of the railroad bridge, and a row of houses, built by the early settlers, still stands. Far-sighted engineers surveyed the townsite on its present location a half-mile east of the river, on higher ground.

From its beginning Rocky has served as a supply base for the vast wilderness stretching west from the river to the British Columbia border. The railway construction camps gave Rocky its first business opportunity. As the railway drove slowly westward toward the mines, a wave of settlers followed, giving the town a more permanent basis. From 1915 to 1929 the logging camps gave added impetus to its growth. . . . Literally thousands of men worked within a radius of 25 miles. Rocky became known as a "tough" town and police were kept busy picking up wanted men in the various camps.

But this era also passed. The timber limits were cut out, the camps closed down and the men drifted away. To-day only a few small mills are operating, cutting out isolated patches of timber, but for miles around rotting stumps, crumbling log shanties and mountainous sawdust piles remain to tell of those roaring days.

During the last year the town has taken big strides toward modernization. A new hospital, with full operating equipment, is nearing completion. In the past, all patients requiring operations, no matter how great the emergency, had to be rushed to Red Deer or Bentley, where operating rooms were available. The consequent delay and shock often proved fatal. The installation of an electric power line last year from Red Deer to Nordegg gave Rocky a steady source of current to supply the hospital as well as the other local demands. Many new residences and business blocks have recently been completed or are under construction. Here, as in all other parts of the West, the pioneer settlement is gradually disappearing and a modern community is being built in its place.

In spite of this, however, the village is in no danger of losing its charm for those interested in frontier life. It is the headquarters for the last band of non-treaty Indians in Canada. They are self-supporting and proud of their independence. A log village on the Baptiste River is their winter home, but spring, summer and fall they spend living as their ancestors did. Wagons drawn by thin, hobble-scarred ponies, and followed by the inevitable group of scrawny mongrel dogs, pass through Rocky almost daily during the summer months. The Indians are never embarrassed by the white man's civilization. They rattle down the main street in their ancient outfits, unimpressed by the streamlined cars and the blaring radio speakers.

They camp nearby, usually for two or three days, to do their trading. This is a slow business. The stranger may see real old-fashioned barter as furs, moose-hide moccasins and buckskin coats are exchanged for flour, sugar, tobacco, bright ribbon and the reddest of red cloth. Though most of them understand English, usually one interprets for the family, making it an even more tedious process for the impatient white clerk. Finished at one store, they troop on to the next, laughing, chattering and pointing. The papoose still rides in the place of honour, on his mother's back, viewing the sights in solemn silence. This is no show put on for the tourists' benefit. It is a commonplace in this last stronghold of the Old West.

Toward the end of October Rocky Mountain House begins to take on the appearance of an armed camp, as the white hunters gather and prepare for the opening of the big game season. . . . The guides, hunters and Indians still set out from Rocky for their expeditions into the wilds. Game is increasing in the foothills country in spite of the settlers. So, although the old-timers bewail the modern trend, there is no doubt that for many years to come Rocky Mountain House will still retain the freshness and atmosphere of a frontier community.

A Deaconess Designated

LONG to be remembered by the congregation and of unusual interest to the people of the whole district was the service held by the Presbytery of Stratford in St. Andrew's Church, North Easthope, Ontario, on Friday evening June 24th for the designation of Miss Fay McTavish to deaconess service, under the Women's Missionary Society, Western Division, of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. To the large congregation gathered in the prettily decorated church this service, so beautiful in its reverence, for the setting apart of one of their own members, meant much.

The service was in charge of the Moderator of Presbytery, the Rev. A. R. Gibson of Mitchell, assisted by the Rev. O. E. Mann of Harrington. Rev. A. W. Hare of Knox Church, St. Mary's, who delivered the address to the deaconess designate, took as his subject ''The Messengers of Christ'', basing his remarks on II Corinthians 8: 23. The Rev. D. M. Kerr, minister of St. Andrew's Church, of which Miss McTavish is a member, presented the candidate for designation. On behalf of the Board of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, Mrs. W. A. McLennan, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), presented the deaconess pin to Miss McTavish. The President of Stratford Presbyterial, Miss Jessie McGrigor of St. Mary's, spoke words of congratulation to the new deaconess, as did the President of the North Easthope Auxiliary. Mrs. D. M. Kerr sang ''Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling''.

Miss McTavish was presented with gifts by the congregation of St. Andrew's and with flowers by the children.

The new deaconess, one of this year's graduates from the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, is working under the Presbytery of Toronto in the new North Toronto congregation, which is at present holding services in the John Wanless School, with the Rev. D. I. Ellison in charge.

Training Formosan Leaders

BY MISS DOROTHY DOUGLAS, *Tansui*

LAST week we had two conferences in Tansui. That may sound very easy, but I assure you they caused a great deal of excitement. In the first place the building where they were held is the old Oxford College, which until the beginning of the year was used as the Theological College. It was built in 1882, and when a building is as old as that in a country where the climate is damp three-quarters of the time and the white ants are ravening wolves, it cannot be said to belong to any one period of architecture. Besides, it was completely empty, so making the necessary repairs and getting the equipment was like setting up a new Chinese household and we foreigners did not know much about that. I wish you could have seen me down in the village buying crocks and bowls with the Formosan teacher to make sure that I got the right things and the coolie to carry them home, but both making sure that we got a good bargain.

The first conference was for Daily Vacation Bible School leaders, and delegates came from twenty-eight places. Some elderly women were there, too, as listeners, and one mother who benefited a great deal from the course brought her baby, and it was surprisingly good.

As Mrs. Mackay has for years prepared the programmes for the Daily Vacation Bible Schools, that part was in her hands. She had worked on it for months, as the results abundantly proved; for from the beginning to the end the interest never flagged. One of the most interesting features was a model of the Tabernacle, which Mrs. Mackay with the help of one of the Formosan kindergarten teachers had with great labour worked out in detail. The teacher gave a very fine talk on the subject at one of the afternoon sessions and it was much appreciated.

All the Biblewomen and seven of the preaching staff were here and one of the most interesting pictures that Mrs. Dickson and I have carried away was the whole group, young and old, making models of the furnishings of the Tabernacle out of gold paper under the instruction of the kindergarten teacher. Everyone was very much in earnest and bent on getting some private instruction.

There were seven projects to be worked out besides the regular sessions: naming all the books of the Bible City, whose walls are salvation and whose gates are praise; reading all of the first book of Samuel, which is the basis of this year's study; reading ten Psalms of David which were written at this time of his life; answering a series of questions which had been prepared and printed on the subject matter in I Samuel; pointing out the positions of the different tribes of Israel on a nameless map; naming the furnishings of the Tabernacle with a Bible verse pertinent to each one; and telling a story contained in the text. The reward for each of these achievements was a seal on each person's ''Certificate'' and a seal opposite his number on a large record. This kept every one so busy that his mind never left the matter at hand and a great many people were able to finish everything.

For the benefit of housewives let me add that we had a good cook. We allowed him forty sen a day, which is equivalent to about twelve cents, for each person and he did everything.

After the first conference was over I met for three days with the Biblewomen who are going to be responsible for the week's Bible classes which we hope we will be able to hold in each church this year. We mimeographed copies of the programme which is to be used in each church, and now that we have gone over it together, I hope it will work out for the benefit of the church.

This year, too, we want to hold short-term Bible classes, lasting for about a month, which we hope will be continued, ever lengthening in time, so that our Christian community may have a deeper and more satisfying knowledge of the Bible as the Word of Life.

(About a month later.) We are having another Conference now for public school graduates, not very large in numbers but with quite a good spirit and it is a beginning. Miss Ramsay is taking singing and New Testament and I am having the Old Testament. Mrs. Little is taking Hygiene and Miss Adams Handwork, besides the sewing and other things which the Formosans are teaching.

Winnipeg Camps

By Miss Violet Tennant

FROM July 4th to 22nd two very successful camps were held by the Winnipeg Presbytery. The site was that of the former Cecilia Jeffrey School near Waugh. The guest instructor at both camps was Miss Violet Tennant of Toronto, Girls' Work Secretary.

The Boys' and Girls' Camp, for which there was a splendid registration, was under the leadership of Miss Hazel Macdonald. Assisting her was a highly qualified staff of eight leaders, whose enthusiasm was largely responsible for the success of the camp. Many and varied were the activities. The Bible Study, done in small groups, was based on the course *Jesus and the Problems of Life*, by Sydney Weston. Among other subjects of interest were Life-saving, First Aid, Nature Lore, and Dramatics. A special feature of the Dramatics group was its production of two beautiful sacred dramas during the camp: one, based on an incident in the life of Paul, was presented at sunset time on Sunday evening, the other during the closing ceremonies the last night of camp.

The Young People's Camp was under the leadership of Rev. J. Fleck of Winnipeg. He was assisted by Miss Hazel Macdonald and Mr. W. C. Troyer. A course on ''How to Know the Bible'' was given by Mr. Fleck. Following this lecture each morning, a discussion took place on the work of young people in the local Church. A special feature of this camp was the Open Forum held each afternoon, when problems confronting the youth of to-day were discussed.

Characteristic of both camps was a fine comradeship among the campers and leaders. This, with the fine Christian leadership provided, makes one feel that these young people have gone back to their homes, Churches and communities ready to live more Christian lives.

Conference of Leaders

THE eleventh annual Conference of Leaders in Sunday School and Missionary work in the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa was held in St. Andrew's Church, Huntingdon, from July 4th to 10th, under the direction of Dr. A. S. Reid, Clerk of Synod. There was a large attendance and the weather was all that could be desired. Classes were held each morning, beginning with devotional exercises at half-past eight, and carried on until noon. The afternoons were free for recreation, and evening sessions opened at eight o'clock. Rev. T. J. Watson of Toronto gave a series of studies on ''Notable Bible Characters''. Dr. Reid dealt with the Sunday School and the scholar. Rev. J. M. Kik, Montreal, gave a series of lectures on ''How the Bible came to be''. Dr. Norman MacLeod of Brockville lectured on ''Principles of Teaching''. Miss Barbara J. Dougherty, Provincial Young Women's Secretary, conducted three studies on ''Missions of the Church''. Mrs. Owen Rede Campbell of Montreal gave two most instructive addresses on ''Why we are Presbyterians''. Rev. Harold Brown of Tyndale House, Montreal, dealt with city mission work and Dr. J. B. MacLean of Huntingdon gave three evening lectures on ''Literature and Religion''. Miss Rita De Pierro, B.A., of Montreal was in charge of recreation periods and Miss Margaret Rowat of St. Lambert ably took charge of the literature table.

Mohammedan View of Christianity

THE *Moslem World* quotes a Mohammedan's tribute to Christianity: ''I can definitely say that Christianity is stronger than it has ever been in history. I am surprised at the number of people, both pagan and otherwise, who feel that Christian ethics constitute the only answer to the present world-chaos.

''We Moslems have a secret feeling that the collapse of the present world order is the greatest verdict in favour of Christianity, for world civilization is still largely pagan. It is the pagan elements in your civilization that are working havoc. Where real Christianity has penetrated there has been steady progress. We are honest enough to recognize that. Never believe this nonsense that fills one of our papers, condemning your religion. It is only a means to strengthen our group-consciousness by assuming a superiority complex. In a great many cases we are continually borrowing from you—your thoughts, your method, your outlook.''

—*The Missionary Review of the World*

Publications Department

By Margaret Ness

AUTUMN again and study books! The Girls' Department has issued this year a most attractive kit, wrapped in cellophane. In it are two books, a play, Programme Trails, a leaflet, and a poster. Price, 75 cents. The Mission Banders are to study modern inventions in the light of their effect on missionary work. The book is appropriately entitled **Talks on New Ways in the King's Service,** and, with a supplement based on our own work, sells for 35 cents. The senior study book, to be begun in January 1939, will be announced in the November *Glad Tidings.* All Auxiliaries are urged to wait until then before beginning their main study.

Those wishing to prepare papers for the autumn meetings we would remind about our packets. Typed information on the various fields, as well as *Glad Tidings* clippings, has been arranged on the Bhil, Jhansi, British Guiana, Formosa, Manchuria fields, and on our work in Canada under the following,—North American Indians, Hospitals and Residences, Deaconess, Non-Anglo-Saxon. A packet is **loaned** for two weeks for 15 cents. The two weeks do not include the time the packet is in the mail; it is the actual time the packet is in the hands of the borrower.

The Loose-leaf Biography Book has continued to gain in popularity. Some groups have assigned to each member of the group one of the missionaries in the set and that member is responsible for collecting all subsequent material on her missionary as it appears in the *Glad Tidings* and pasting it on a blank sheet of paper that fits the Biography Book. In this way the group can keep the book up-to-date and the members become especially interested in their own missionaries. There are now twenty-one snap-shots, with short typed biographies attached, and these may be obtained for $1.10. For those who bought the set when there were only eight in it, a reduction in price is made; the thirteen required to complete the set may be obtained for 60 cents. Those who originally bought thirteen may obtain the additional eight for 35 cents. Thus, in all cases, the twenty-one will cost $1.10. Just give us your name and address, saying that you wish to complete your set. A list has been kept in the office of those buying the Biography Book, as well as the number of biographies. Any of the eight may be obtained for 50 cents; thirteen for 75 cents. The set includes Miss Ellen Douglas, Miss Anderson, Miss Taylor, Miss Dickson, Miss Gibbs, Miss Murray, Miss Todd, Miss Ross, Miss Magee, Miss Chisholm, Miss Munro, Miss Macarthur, Miss Davies, Miss MacMurchy, Miss Pelton, Miss Cuddy, Mrs. Gehman, Dr. O'Hara, Dr. Buchanan, Mr. Byers and Mr. Lockhart.

May we bring to your attention our newest publication, **The Political Significance of Missions?** This is the address delivered by the Rev.

Stuart Parker, D.D., at the annual Ontario Provincial meeting at Galt in April. The booklet sells for 10 cents.

Ask to see, too, at your fall rally or sectional meeting, the **Services of Worship**, which the Young Women's Department brought out in the spring, but which are suitable for all Senior groups. Ten complete services are included, as well as the Young Women's hymn (Pray-Give-Go) with the music. Price, 25 cents.

Agnes Dickson, the story of her work among the Chinese in South China and in Canada, now sells for 35 cents. **Our Korean Work in Japan**, a leaflet issued just two years ago and still up-to-date, has been reduced to 5 cents.

Auxiliaries, please place orders early for Thank-offering envelopes—100 for 35 cents; 25 for 9 cents.

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AUXILIARY PAGE

THE COUNCIL MEETING

A MEETING of interest to every member of the Women's Missionary Society is to be held in Wychwood Church, Toronto, beginning on September 26th. This is the annual meeting of the Society and this is the first time it has been held in September instead of May.

Each of the six provinces that make up the Western Division will be represented according to the constitution, that is, by the President and one member from each Provincial Board and half the Presbyterial Presidents. Thus British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan will each have four delegates, Quebec three, and Ontario fourteen, which, together with the twenty-nine Toronto members of the Council Executive, makes a total of sixty-two members of the Council.

The meetings are open; any member of the Society may attend, but only delegates may vote or take part in discussions. The Council meeting is a business meeting. The annual reports are presented and the whole work of the Society comes under review. In addition, there are two matters of particular importance this year. The first is the revision of the Constitution to bring it into line with present needs. Copies of the proposed changes have been sent to all delegates. The second is the consideration of plans for building up and strengthening the organizations of the Society. To that end it is proposed to make 1939 Organization Year.

To all members of the Society, whether Auxiliary members, Young Women, Girls, or Mission Band, this Council meeting is an important one. It is *your* annual meeting, and through your representatives you have a part in it. Whatever is agreed upon at the Council meeting becomes the policy of the Society, and of *every branch* of the Society.

Will you therefore ''hold up their hands'' during the strenuous days of meetings that wise decisions may be reached and that only that which is the best may be done for the advancement of His Kingdom?

—(Mrs. W. A.) Beatrice S. McLennan.

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. John D. Holman, *Secretary*

> ''I had always looked upon missions as a necessary part of the work of the Church, but I never suspected that they were anything a critical college graduate could get excited about. I changed my mind. I decided that the reason so many of our people, young and old, are not enthusiastic about missions is that they don't know what missions are doing.''

Dear Young Women:

THE above is a quotation from an interesting article in a recent number of the digest *World Christianity* and expresses the opinion of a college graduate regarding missions. This is quoted because it seems to be the opinion held wherever we have gone. Again, where have we heard this echo?

> ''I do not know of any group of people, working on an international scale, that are doing as much to build friendships and good will between nations and peoples as are the missionaries. They represent the world Christian Community. I cannot be other than interested . . .''

And yet so often we seem to beat upon our listeners with words—words that move perhaps, but only for a brief while. Surely we have had enough of that vagueness that means a lack of any real interest.—''Oh yes, missions have their place, of course. They do a wonderful work . . .'' Let us be honest with ourselves. What wonderful work? What do we know about missions and why do we give? How much of our interest is perfunctory? How real is it? So many of us are guilty of careless gestures that in the final analysis mean so little, yet can do so much harm, because they help us to deceive ourselves! Supposing that for this one term we give missions ''a break'', ''get down to brass tacks'', do some real study and, incidentally, some fascinating reading. Are you willing to try it?

Here is a list of studies as they are now. Again this year, much time has had to be spent upon revision and re-compiling. So many changes, so many new factors, that we in the department hold our breath trying to keep you abreast of the missionary times.

Enter Missions! This is the new study for 1938-39. It is based on Stephen Corey's *Beyond Statistics,* which deals in a striking way with 'the wider range of world missions'. All the reference material on our own work is provided as well as the chart, leaflets, and two booklets, *Incident and Story* and *Gleanings* from the 1936 Report. Price $1.25.

China Awakens! A new book, *China Calling,* which is extremely easy to read, comes to you with this study of China and Manchuria. *Chinese Church in Action* is the other book. There are, too, some information sheets on Manchuria. Especially recommended for a first attempt. Price $1.10, including a map of China, chart, and Suggestions for Worship Services.

Whither India's Depressed? Contains *Behind Mud Walls in India, The Church Takes Root in India,* by Basil Mathews, *The Untouchables' Quest, An Indian Approach to India,* chart, and mimeographed material on the Bhil and Jhansi fields. The first two books mentioned are as fascinating to read as novels. Excellent for information on this very urgent problem of outcaste India. Price, with map of India, $2.15.

Other Forces as Rivals of Christian Missions. A study of Communism and a narrow nationalism. Part I traces the rise, growth, and influence of these ''rival forces''; part II, the social implications of Christian missions. Excellent for keen, ambitious groups sincerely concerned with conflicting paganisms. Contains *Beyond Statistics, Calvinism and Social Problems, Church, Community and State,* and considerable mimeographed material. Price, $3.25.

Canada Study One features our national work across Canada. It includes information on the Chinese and Indian work, also the history and organization of our Society. The work of Deaconesses, Hospitals and School Residences is treated in *Where We Work in Canada and How.* Price, with map of Canada, 60 cents.

Note: Please order all study material through Miss T. Negoro, Room 800, 100 Adelaide St., W., Toronto. Money orders to be made payable to Secretary of Publications.

—*T. Negoro.*

The earth with all its fulness is the Lord's;
Great things attempt for Him, great things expect,
Whose love imperial is, whose power sublime!

—*Selected.*

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. John Kelman, *Secretary*

Dear Leader:

THE beginning of a very important year for girls' groups has come. Joining hands with the other organizations within the Women's Missionary Society we, as members of girls' groups, are to try to improve the quantity and quality of our work, and thus become more vital members of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

To mark ''Organization'' year, we have ready for you a very fine Kit of missionary material. Dressed in a jacket of cellophane, it contains six pieces of material, all of which give colourful information about the Chinese people and our work among them.

Lady Fourth Daughter in bright yellow dress is the largest member of the Kit. In this book Mary Brewster Hollister has captured the appeal and charm of China's new womanhood that has emerged because of the life the Christian Church has shared. *Willow Pattern,* a little companion book to *Lady Fourth Daughter,* was written by Winnifred Galbraith. True incidents of people such as Mei-lan, its hero still living in China, make the book doubly interesting. It is suggested that *Willow Pattern* be used as a continued story from meeting to meeting.

Included in the Kit, too, are: *Programme Trails,* which outline how the books may be used to advantage; a *pamphlet* telling of our Chinese work in Canada; a *poster* showing important facts and pictures; a *play, Deep Waters,* in which your girls will find much scope for their dramatic abilities.

This mission study Kit, with its vast possibilities, priced at seventy-five cents, now awaits a new owner. As we seek to find it a group home, we may say that its possibilities will be realized only if your girls look upon the Kit as something that will enable them to live, not just to kill time.

Mrs. Kelman, the regular contributor to this page, has been spending many happy weeks at home in Scotland. I know your best thoughts and wishes are with her and we shall all give her a warm welcome on her return in the early fall.

—*Violet Tennant.*

There are strange ways of serving God;
You sweep a room or turn a sod,
And suddenly to your surprise
You find you're under God's own eyes,
And building palaces for Him.

—*Herman Hagedorn.*

MISSION BANDS

Mrs. A. R. Riddell, *Secretary*

THIS month you are to become acquainted with the children of missionaries in Formosa, Rev. and Mrs. James Dickson, and Rev. and Mrs. Hugh MacMillan.

Ronald James Dickson (Ronny), born on November 28th, 1930, is now seven years old. He was baptized in a Chinese Formosan Church by a Chinese pastor, and his Formosan name is ''Banhok'', which means ''ten thousand happiness''. Marilyn Ruth was born July 13th, 1932, so is now six. Their mother teaches them both at home. The year the family were in Tokyo the children attended a Japanese kindergarten and had all their lessons in Japanese, so that they both speak Japanese enough to use it with playmates. Ronny plays mostly with Formosan boys. One day his mother heard him trying to explain to them in Japanese how American cowboys looked and acted; fortunately he had a book of pictures, so that they were interested and spent the rest of the afternoon playing cowboys. Marilyn has both Formosan and Japanese

Marilyn Ruth Dickson and friends

playmates. On New Year's Day her mother answered the door-bell and eleven little Japanese girls, dressed in flowered kimonos with long sleeves, which made them look like butterflies, fluttered in. They had come to call on the ''small person'', they explained, presenting little flowered name-cards. Since then they have come often. Toys are cheap and plentiful here, although very easily broken. This year there were no new toys in town, although plenty of old ones left from last year, no new Christmas decorations, but plenty saved from year to year. The Christmas tree is planted in the garden, and each year dug up and used again, and then replanted to let it grow a bit more before the next year.

Ruth and Sandy MacMillan

Ruth and Sandy MacMillan are now twelve and ten years old respectively. Ruth was born on October 11th, 1925, in Taihoku and spent the next five years in their little white bungalow in Tansui. When Ruth was six months old, her mother took up again the study of Formosan, and she became the sole concern of a dear old Chinese amah, who loved the fair-haired child with all her heart. When Sandy was born on March 23rd, 1927, the amah's joy knew no bounds. As the babies grew, she sang to them, she played with them and always they won in the races, for her bound feet were no match for even tottering babies' feet. Never once did she break their strict routine of regular hours, simple food and careful hygiene. When she took her two curly-headed charges for a walk there was always a limit to the distance an admiring, curious crowd could come to ''her precious darlings''. Later they played with two small boys of their cook, the amah's son, and acquired fluency in the Formosan language. The lovely green garden with its low-spreading trees, its swings, sandboxes, slides, and playhouses was a great attraction to the neighbouring children. Only two tests did the amah make a child pass to enter that garden—a clean face and freedom from cold or disease.

When in 1931 they went home to Canada, Canadians seemed strange people with strange customs and ideas. At first they shunned Canadian children, who laughed at their queer English interspersed with Chinese words. Kindergarten and primary school at Withrow Avenue school, Toronto, however, made them true Canadians, and they were sorry to return to Taiwan. But soon Sandy was happy at Chinese and Canadian games with two Formosan boys, and Ruth had two friends, a Formosan and a Japanese; how quickly she could change from one language to the other!

They had lessons from their mother, a Chinese art teacher coming for an hour with brush and pen. Then a nice young Chinese girl taught them piano and a Japanese teacher taught rhythmic dancing. But playmates were all too scarce, their friends being busy in school with no time for play. Ruth's Japanese friend, preparing for entrance to high school, left for school every morning at seven o'clock, arriving home at five to have supper and her bath and then going back to study till ten at night, when her mother or father went to bring her home. Then Ruth and Sandy once more went to a Canadian school, the Canadian Academy in Kobe. There all was new and interesting. Every child spoke English and teachers were ''real teachers and not busy mothers''.

At Christmas they sailed home to sunny Formosa on the grand new ship, *Fugi.* How good the bananas in the back garden tasted! How ''grand'' to eat as many oranges as one pleased! The cook was prepared to meet all demands: ''oodles'' of rice, Chinese New Year's cake, fried in batter, *omochi* (Japanese New Year's cake), puffed out in the oven and served with *shoyu* sauce and sugar, Chinese sphagetti and long stalks of sugar cane. Every one, including the cook, was happy and the house was once more ''home''. Old haunts were visited, old friends dropped in, and it was a merry Christmas, indeed. But all too soon they sailed away to Kobe. The Canadian Academy will be their home for another year. In that unique school with children of twenty or more nationalities Ruth and Sandy are learning at first hand the true meaning of the ''brotherhood of man''.

If you are tempted to reveal
A tale someone to you has told
About another, make it pass
Before you speak, three gates of gold:
Three narrow gates—first, ''Is it true?''
Then ''Is it needful?'' In your mind
Give truthful answer, and the next
Is last and narrowest, ''Is it kind?''
And, if to reach your lips at last,
It passes through these gateways three,
Then you may tell, nor fear
What the result of speech may be.

—*Selected.*

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. C. E. JAMIESON, 1610 12TH AVE., W., CALGARY, PRESS SECRETARY

EDMONTON Presbyterial has had two fine sectional rallies. On June 1st over eighty women, besides girls and children, from Miss Ruby Walker's five points gathered in the Earlie Community Hall for their second annual rally. Following greetings from Miss Walker, Rev. A. Walker introduced the speakers. Mrs. E. Lang's address of welcome was replied to by Mrs. J. Killen of Lloydminster. Mrs. A. Walker spoke on ''Hands'', telling of the different uses to which we can put them. Miss Helen McRae, Edmonton, a graduate of the Vancouver Bible School, who is now working near Vermilion under the Presbytery, gave a fine inspirational message. Miss Rosetta Moors, Edmonton, a recent graduate of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, Toronto, told of life and work in the Home and the work of a graduate deaconess. Mrs. A. W. Atkinson of Maidstone told a little of her work as a Presbyterian deaconess in the slums of Scotland and England, appealing to the young women present to dedicate their lives to God's service, and pointing out the influence of mothers. Miss Walker and Miss Philpotts were the soloists, and the devotions were conducted by the Rev. A. W. Atkinson and Mrs. Wells. The ladies of the Earlie district served supper, and plans were made for a similar gathering next year.

Just one week later Killam was the centre for another rally, held at the home of Mrs. A. Fee. Owing to bad roads, this was not so large as that at Earlie, but the twenty-five women who came were just as enthusiastic. The first speaker was Miss Mary Reeves of Lougheed, who told of her work under the British Columbia S.S. Mission while a student at the Vancouver Bible School. Miss Rosetta Moors took as her subject ''Go . . . teach'', stressing the need of obedience to that command and the preparation necessary. Mrs. Ansell rendered a delightful solo, and the members of the Killam Mission Band came in after school to sing. Mr. D. Evans, the student missionary on the Killam field, gave the closing prayer.

Owing to the enthusiasm and energy of Mrs. J. Blott, First Church, Edmonton, has a splendid Mission Band of thirty-five members and another Band has been organized in the south of the city with ten members, meeting in a private home. Over $140.00 was contributed by First Church Home Helpers for the first half of 1938, the H.H. Secretary and her helpers collecting systematically.

The three Young Women's groups in Edmonton are following the studies recommended by Miss Pelton. They held a rally in April, and also sent a delegate to the Provincial meeting in Calgary. The Cynosure group of Strathcona held its annual St. Patrick's tea and sale of dish towels, and in the evening presented a short play and a lecture in film form.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MISS SYBIL D. WHITE, 2007 W. 63RD AVE., VANCOUVER, PRESS SECRETARY

KOOTENAY P.S.—At the annual meeting of Kootenay Presbyterial in Knox Church, Cranbrook, on May 19th, the President, Mrs. W. E. Worden, gave an address on ''Our Fellowship'', stressing the great need of a closer fellowship with God and His Son Jesus Christ that our fellowship with one another may be richer and deeper, for the essential glory of the Christian Church is the witness it bears to fellowship with the Father and the fellowship between the children of God: apart from that our service will be ineffective and our prayers unavailing. Discussion followed encouraging departmental reports, Miss Lamont giving many helpful suggestions. Interesting ideas were brought out when a delegate from each Auxiliary told of the year's outstanding event or meeting. Miss Lamont spoke on ways of increasing membership, the best way being to get the uninterested to attend meetings and make the programmes so interesting that they would want to come back. At the evening public meeting the new President, Mrs. Condy of Trail, presided. The Cranbrook C.G.I.T. group, under Mrs. Liddicoat, presented a missionary play. Miss Lamont gave an address on ''Our Responsibilities'', first to God, then to our Church, to our missionaries, and to those in need in our land, asking that we, having many privileges, should give of our time, talents and money. Appreciation was expressed of Miss Lamont's messages and assistance during all sessions.

Westminster P.S.—The annual picnic of the Young Women's Auxiliary of Central Church, Vancouver, in Stanley Park on June 7th, was its last meeting as a Young Women's group, the members having decided to become an evening Auxiliary of the senior department of the Society, so that the way may be left open for a group of younger women to organize as a Young Women's Auxiliary. Invitations were, therefore, extended to young women in the congregation who might be interested, and the response was encouraging. The President, Miss Jean McKenzie, welcomed Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Cameron, Mrs. R. Pollock, Young Women's Secretary, and the other guests. Dr. Cameron gave a most instructive and interesting address on the phases of the Church's missionary work carried on by the Women's Missionary Society, referring to the group's graduation into the senior department.

The Chinese Girls' Auxiliary of Vancouver had a supper meeting in honour of Miss Verlie Evans, before she left to take up her duties at Rocky Mountain House Hospital. A quilt made by the girls with verses of the twenty-third Psalm embroidered on it was presented to her for the hospital. To Vancouver Heights and St. Columba Auxiliaries Miss Evans gave interesting accounts of her work in the Peace River country.

To the Mission Band Leaders' Council in June Mrs. James Dunn of British Guiana gave a most interesting and informative talk on conditions in that country. Sincere regret was expressed at the illness of Mrs. Angus MacKenzie, Provincial Mission Band Secretary, a faithful Council member.

Central Mission Band closed its season with an evening meeting: a short programme by the members gave some idea of what Mission Band work really is; Mrs. T. Deas, Presbyterial Secretary, addressed the children briefly, and the Auxiliary members served refreshments.

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AT the annual meeting of Brandon Presbyterial on June 9th in First Church, Brandon, 116 delegates were present. Mrs. Boyle and Mrs. Hamlin, Vice-Presidents, presided. Devotions were led by St. Andrew's and First Church Auxiliaries, and in the evening by Lenore Young Women's Auxiliary. Regret was expressed at the illness of the President, Mrs. Gray, and hope that she would soon be restored to health. Reports showed progress in almost all departments and much enthusiasm in the Auxiliaries; $1,001.60 was raised in 1937. A memorial service was held for Mrs. M. G. Abey and others who had passed to higher service. Mrs. Evans spoke on ''Is Missionary Work Worth While'', and Miss Hazel Macdonald on her work in the Peace River district, and her present work in Winnipeg. Mrs. Edgeworthy conducted the election of officers. Mrs. J. F. Leslie is the new President. Miss K. Duncan led the Mission Band hour, the Elizabeth L. Abey and the Go Forth Bands, of Brandon, taking part. Mrs. H. T. White gave a splendid address on Mission Band work. At the supper meeting Rev. J. F. Wedderburn brought greetings from Brandon Presbytery and Rev. J. W. Allen spoke on work at The Pas. The Young Women's Secretary reported several new branches, Portage la Prairie being the newest. In her closing message, Mrs. H. T. White referred to the emphasis on prayer throughout the day and urged all to take a part in the work. ''We cannot refuse to do our part, for God depends on His workers.''

Successful sectional meetings were held by Winnipeg Presbyterial in Morden on June 2nd and Old Kildonan on June 20th. Mrs. A. Evans brought greetings from the Provincial Board, and at Morden gave an address on ''The Highlights of Stewardship''; and Mrs. H. H. Dunwoody spoke at Morden on the world unrest and at Old Kildonan on the power of prayer and the value of meeting to exchange ideas for furthering the cause of missions. Mrs. Colthart presided at Morden, the Roland Auxiliary leading the devotional service and Mrs. J. C. Cowan speaking on ''Stewardship''. Miss Crump of Waywayseecappo Reserve told of life among the Indians, their sincerity, loyalty and interest in the meetings and in their teachers. Miss H. Macdonald spoke on national work, touching on fields from Kirkland Lake to Prince Albert, Red Deer and Shaughnessy. Mrs. Moore, in the closing message on ''Fruits of the Spirit'', reminded members that the use of their gifts in God's service would bring joy and peace at the end of the day. High tea was served by the Roland and Morden Auxiliaries. At Old Kildonan the Stonewall Auxiliary led in the devotional service. Mrs. A. M. McFarlane of St. James gave a most interesting address on missions in Africa, referring to Robert Moffatt, David Livingstone and other missionaries. Each Presbyterial Secretary brought a word of encouragement. Rev. P. F. McSween gave some impressions of the General Assembly in Toronto. Tea was served in Nisbet Hall by the Old Kildonan Auxiliary.

On June 9th Norwood Auxiliary entertained the Church of Christ Norwood Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. J. S. Flook spoke on the work of our Society and Miss Linklater of the Church of Christ on the value of co-operation in all missionary work. The Anne McPherson Glee Club sang, also a girls' quartette.

At the Superior Presbyterial meeting delegates gave full reports of the Provincial meeting in Winnipeg. Miss Smellie presided and Mrs. C. LeCocq led the devotional service on the topic ''God is Love''. Departmental reports were presented, and one Life Membership reported. Miss Pelton's visit to Port Arthur and Fort William was much enjoyed. In each city she gave a series of four lectures, particularly adapted to the needs of the young women. She also spoke at the C.G.I.T. Mother and Daughter banquet and the Auxiliary of St. Andrew's, Fort William, paying high tribute to our deaconesses working amidst hardship and difficulty.

Knox Auxiliary, Fort Frances, on June 22nd had about forty-five members present, including the Home Helpers from the district. The Rev. J. N. Hepburn made a strong appeal in his address on ''Home Helpers''. Love for Jesus Christ expresses itself in loyalty to His standards. To few comes the chance to do one big thing for His sake, but we all have to live day by day with others. Lives of glowing love and glad sacrifice in the little details of ordinary work and play together are the truest proof of our love for the Great Friend.

At the annual birthday party of Knox Mission Band, Selkirk, on July 4th one hundred and twenty-five members, parents and friends were present. The members conducted the meeting, and Mrs. W. T. Beattie of Winnipeg, Presbyterial Girls' Secretary, spoke on our work among the Koreans in Japan.

ONTARIO

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MANY distinguished visitors were present at the Golden Jubilee celebration of St. Paul's Auxiliary, Simcoe, in Paris Presbyterial. Greetings were brought by Rev. J. W. Whillans, Moderator of Paris Presbytery, Rev. A. R. Ferguson from the congregation, Mrs. W. A. McLennan from the Council Executive, and the Provincial Board, Mrs. A. Maas, Secretary for China and Manchuria, and Mrs. R. C. Campbell, Woodstock, from the Presbyterial. Dr. John Buchanan, ordained in Paris Presbytery on August 28, 1888, celebrating fifty years' service in India, gave a stirring message, emphasizing the need of a revival in the Church. It is the duty of members of the Society to work to get people to attend Church and undertake the teaching of God's Word individually; he suggested personal calls followed up by more personal calls. Miss Jean Hunter, who presided, read a history of the organization. The church was beautiful with baskets of roses and other flowers sent by friends. The summer conference of Paris Presbyterial at Ratho was largely attended. Mrs. T. E. Langford presided. Mrs. K. B. Schroeder, Provincial Recording Secretary, spoke in the afternoon, and also at the Young Women's meeting in the evening. Mrs. G. D. Johnston, Brantford, gave a report of the Young Women's Conference in Toronto.

Tiverton Auxiliary, Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterial, held a unique birthday tea. Young girls of the congregation presided over tables representing the four seasons, guests being seated according to the season in which their birthday occurred. A shower for the bale was also held. Port Elgin Auxiliary observed its fiftieth birthday, with Mrs. George Lamont presiding. Two of the four surviving members were present and received dainty favours of sweet peas and ferns. ''Milestones'' was the subject of an address by Mrs. T. Moore Gordon, Presbyterial President.

At the semi-annual meeting of Lindsay Presbyterial in Chalmers Church, Uxbridge, Mrs. A. R. McMurrich, Secretary for India, told of the work being done in that country by the missionaries under the Women's Missionary Society and urged that our efforts be sustained, so that missionaries may be sent out and the work maintained. A chorus by Uxbridge Mission Band delighted the audience.

Two important anniversaries are reported in Toronto Presbyterial. Eversley Auxiliary observed its Golden Jubilee in their historic church. Miss Alice Ferguson, whose mother, Mrs. Agnes Ferguson, was the first President in 1888, presided. Mrs. Walter Rolling read the history of the Auxiliary. Miss Elizabeth Tinline of King, still an ardent and active member in her ninetieth year, cut the birthday cake. Charter members spoke briefly. Guest speakers were Dr. Effie Winchester from the Bhil field, India, Mrs. J. Hill, Presbyterial President, and former officers. Tribute was paid to the early members of this thriving organization. In connection with the centennial celebration of Bolton Church the Auxiliary convened to honour the memory of the women who so guided their families in past days that their influence continues in the present. The service recalled old customs—the congregation sat to sing and stood to pray. ''Along the Highway'' was the theme of the programme. The guest of honour was Miss Isabel Taylor, A.T.C.M., from Formosa. Greetings were brought by Mrs. A. Cameron from neighbouring Auxiliaries, Mrs. J. A. Hilts from the Council Executive, Mrs. J. Hill from the Presbyterial, members of the United and Anglican Churches in Bolton, and others. The worship service was conducted by Mrs. J. C. Ross, Mrs. John Williams and Miss M. Harper, descendants of members who laid the foundations of the Church. On behalf of the new Young Women's Auxiliary Mrs. J. C. Ross, Honorary President, presented a seal to the President, Miss Florence McAllister; by those younger members the work is being carried bravely on. Tea followed the service, and happy fellowship, friendships renewed and strengthened. The birthday cake with its hundred blue candles was lighted by Mrs. John Williams representing the fourth generation and Miss K. E. Caldwell the third.

Largely attended sectional meetings were held in London Presbyterial at Kilmarton, London, Crinan, Port Stanley, St. Thomas, Ailsa Craig, Komoka, the district vice-presidents presiding. Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy addressed all meetings, showing slides of her work and the people in Jobat, India. In London five missionaries who had laboured together in India were present, Miss MacMurchy, Dr. and Mrs. Howie, Miss Iris Errey, and Miss Riggs of the Baptist Mission.

At the summer conference of Stratford Presbyterial in Knox Church, Listowel, Miss MacMurchy in her enlightening address vividly pictured the homes and life of the Bhils in and around the mission compound at Jobat, India. Avonton Auxiliary recently observed its Golden Jubilee. Four charter members were present. Mrs. D. Neill read an interesting historical sketch. During the service of remembrance, as the name of each departed member was read a white rose was placed on a tray by Miss Mary Armstrong, a charter member. At a well attended sectional meeting at Harrington, Mrs. O. Kalbfleisch presided. Rev. D. M. Kerr, Shakespeare, in his address showed that world progress depended a great deal on missionary work. Miss Fay McTavish, deaconess, conducted the devotional service. The Harrington Auxiliary was organized sixty-two years ago by Mrs. D. Gordon, mother of the Rev. C. W. Gordon (Ralph Connor).

Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial reports sectional meetings at Wolftown, Stewartville, and Almonte, Dr. Margaret O'Hara and Mrs. John Stewart of Appleton giving inspiring addresses at each. At Stewartville Miss Laura Mitchell told of her work in Dr. Grenfell's

Mission, Labrador. Mrs. H. Cochrane reported the Provincial meeting.

Much appreciated was the visit of Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy in Algoma Presbyterial. At a largely attended meeting in St. Paul's, Sault Ste. Marie, she gave an illustrated lecture and in Westminster Church spoke at the morning service.

The widely separated Auxiliaries of Temiskaming Presbyterial were well represented at the annual meeting in St. Andrew's Church, New Liskeard. A particularly cordial reception was given the members from Kirkland Lake, who have greatly strengthened the Presbyterial, not only in numbers but by the personality of the consecrated women of this new Auxiliary. Having Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, a missionary on furlough, as speaker was a matter for great rejoicing. A Life Membership certificate was presented to Mrs. Bruce Marwick in recognition of four years' enthusiastic service as Presbyterial President.

Representatives from Sudbury, North Bay, Sundridge, Burk's Falls, Magnetawan, and Parry Sound attended the annual meeting of North Bay Presbyterial in Huntsville. Miss Isabel Taylor spoke at morning and afternoon sessions, her hearers being delighted with her pleasant personality and her informative address on the customs and costumes of the Formosans. Music by the Mission Band and a play by the C.G.I.T. were of special interest.

At the annual meeting of Peterborough Presbyterial Mrs. A. Glenn Thompson presided. Mrs. W. A. McLennan was guest speaker and installed the officers. Helpful discussion followed the encouraging reports. In recognition of the sixteen years' devoted service of Mrs. David Ewart as Presbyterial President and Miss Gertrude Harvey as Corresponding Secretary, Miss F. Galbraith, on behalf of the Presbyterial, presented Mrs. Ewart with an Honorary Membership pin and Miss Harvey with a Life Membership pin; also in their honour Junior Memberships were being presented to Mission Band members, so that their names would be remembered and revered in every congregation in the Presbyterial. Practical and useful suggestions concerning the Literature department were given by Miss Ness.

At three rallies in Chatham Presbyterial Miss B. M. MacMurchy, in Indian costume, told ''The Story of a Compound in Jobat''. Tribute was paid to the beloved Honorary President, Mrs. Charles Scott, who passed to higher service on May 12. The Eleanor McKechnie Young Women's Auxiliary entertained the Daughters of St. Andrew's and the Ellen Douglas Auxiliary when Mrs. G. MacDonald gave a comprehensive report of the Young Women's Conference in Toronto. Miss Belle Bayne was made a Life Member. At a Home Helpers meeting at Duart Mrs. W. J. Cruickshank, district Vice-President, spoke on ''The History of the Home Helpers Department''.

At sectional meetings at Beechwood, Arkona, Watford, and Brigden, in Sarnia Presbyterial, Miss B. MacMurchy, again in native costume, charmed her audience by her intimate description of the life of Christian and non-Christian homes on the Bhil field. Her display of curios and articles of native clothing created much interest. Reports of the Provincial meeting and special musical numbers were other enjoyable features of all meetings.

Drummond Hill Auxiliary, Niagara Falls, Hamilton Presbyterial, celebrated its Golden Jubilee in June. Dr. James Wilson of Wychwood Church, Toronto, who became pastor of Drummond Hill Church forty-five years ago, was the speaker. In 1888 Mrs. Lyle and Mrs. Grant of Hamilton Presbyterial organized the Auxiliary, with a membership of thirteen, which has grown and prospered. Caledonia Auxiliary celebrated its sixtieth anniversary with a garden tea at the home of Mrs. Wilson Avery. The hundred guests included many from Hamilton, Hagersville, and Carluke. Mrs. A. Wilson, Hamilton, a charter member, and Mrs. N. Moore, Toronto, past President, poured tea. Well attended sectional meetings in Hamilton Presbyterial were addressed by Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy and Dr. MacKenzie Smith, retired missionary of the American Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Jonathan Goforth was an honoured guest at one meeting. All meetings had representatives and reports from Young Women's Auxiliaries; the Mission Bands contributed musical selections, and the Waterdown C.G.I.T. presented the Flag Ceremony.

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AT the May Provincial Board meeting Miss Barbara J. Dougherty, Provincial Young Women's Secretary, presented the following resolution: "We were all very sorry, indeed, to hear from Mrs. McLennan at our Provincial annual meeting of the resignation of Miss Laura K. Pelton, Young Women's Travelling Secretary. Her loss cannot be estimated among the young women of our Western Division. In view of this fact we cannot let this opportunity pass without expressing our very deep regret at her resignation. We would take this opportunity of expressing our sincere appreciation of the efficient and self-sacrificing service given by Miss Pelton in the leadership of the young women since 1925. At that time in the province of Quebec there were four Young Women's Auxiliaries with a membership of sixty-five. In 1937 there were twenty-four Young Women's Auxiliaries with a membership of four hundred and twenty-two. This tremendous increase is due to a very great extent to Miss Pelton's successful leadership. She is beloved by all and her influence upon the lives of the young women will continue to be evidenced more and more in our Society as the years go on."

The twenty-fourth annual meeting of Quebec Presbyterial was held on June 28th at Lemesurier, with Mrs. Wm. Price presiding. The attendance was exceptionally large and all reports encouraging. Mrs. J. W. Dougherty, Provincial President, brought greetings from the Board and spoke on national work, carefully reviewing the past year's work and noting changes. Emphasizing the idea that God's gifts lie not in things but in opportunities, she enumerated the opportunities facing our Society throughout the Dominion. In closing her most interesting and inspiring address she urged all present to strive to seize their opportunities and fulfil their obligations. Mrs. Owen Rede Campbell of Montreal told of the work of the overseas fields, asking the delegates to pray earnestly for our missionaries in these very trying times, especially for those in the war areas. Mrs. Wm. Harris, Montreal, Provincial Literature Secretary, spoke briefly on the work of her department, and Miss Barbara J. Dougherty, Provincial Young Women's Secretary, on young women's work at home and overseas. Mrs. W. Price thanked the ladies of Lemesurier for their gracious hospitality and commended their courage in undertaking to provide for such a large gathering. All Auxiliaries, except one, were represented. Seven clergymen were also present.

Mr. A. D. Kyle was chairman at the closing exercises of the Chinese kindergarten on June 24th. In a varied and interesting programme the children showed the kindly training of Miss Agnes Dickson and her associates. Several members of Quebec Provincial and Montreal Presbyterial were present. Mrs. Charles Johnson brought greetings from the Presbyterial and presented awards to the five children who now enter public school. Rev. A. S. Reid, D.D., bringing greetings from Presbytery, spoke on the importance of character building. Mr. Hum of the Y.M.C.I. also spoke, and Mr. Solomon Leung announced a Daily Vacation Bible School for the summer months. Rev. C. Ritchie Bell pronounced the benediction. A delightful social hour followed the programme.

SASKATCHEWAN

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MOOSE JAW P.S.—Pambrun Auxiliary is progressing; they have ten members, always some visitors, and good meetings. They organized a Mission Band in May, with a good leader and assistant.

Saskatoon P.S.—At the May meeting the North Battleford Auxiliary started its new study book, *Treasures in the Earth.* A short talk was also given on the Formosan Prayer Calendar. Interesting reports of the Provincial and Presbyterial meetings were given at the May meeting of the Parkview Auxiliary.

Prince Albert P.S.—The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held on May 12th in St. Paul's Church, Prince Albert, with the largest recorded attendance from outlying districts. Great interest in the meetings was shown by those attending from the mission fields at Meath Park, Howard Creek, Weirdale, Pine Valley, Foxford, Aldergrove, Celtic Shipman and Smeaton. A large delegation also attended from Tisdale and Melfort. A very encouraging feature of the year's work was the organization of St. Andrew's Young Women's Auxiliary at Tisdale, General Helpers Mission Band at Weirdale, and St. Andrew's Associate Society at Howard Creek. The first sectional meeting was held last year, and plans are being made for an additional one this year. The President, Mrs. R. G. McKay, suggested that all members co-operate in having Sunday Schools established in scattered districts. Dr. K. H. Palmer of St. Paul's Church was the speaker, basing his remarks on the words of the Saviour, "Know" "Pray" "Give" "Go". Following the election of officers Mrs. M. E. MacKay of Tisdale conducted the installation service.

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June 30th, 1938

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Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	583.16
Government Grant for Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	3,182.19
Birtle Indian School	660.72
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Estate of Margaret Jane MacFarlane, Cayuga, ''Work in Central India''	100.00
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He found my house upon the hill.
I made the bed and swept the floor,
And laboured solitary, till
He entered at the open door.

He sat with me to break my fast,
He blessed the bread and poured the wine,
And spoke such friendly words, at last
I knew not were they His or mine!

But only, when He rose and went
And left the twilight in the door,
I found my hands were more content
To make a bed and sweep a floor.
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The Council Meeting

THE Council of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) met in Wychwood Church, Toronto, September 26th to 30th, 1938. The President, Mrs. W. A. McLennan, was in the chair at all sessions.

Besides the Council Executive members resident in Toronto, there were present the Presidents and other delegates from the six Provincial Societies: **British Columbia**—Mrs. R. M. Thomson, Vancouver; Mrs. R. J. Douglas, New Westminster; Mrs. A. A. McKinnon, Victoria; and Mrs. Irene Condy, Trail; **Alberta**—Mrs. H. Sykes, Edmonton; Mrs. George Rae, Calgary; Mrs. A. Forrester, Red Deer; and Mrs. W. D. G. Hollingworth, Medicine Hat; **Saskatchewan**—Mrs. G. D. Ralston, Mrs. J. A. Sinclair, Regina; Mrs. B. Edwards, Saskatoon; and Mrs. D. M. Craig, Moose Jaw; **Manitoba**—Mrs. A. Evans, Norwood; Mrs. Moore, Winnipeg; Mrs. J. F. Leslie, Brandon; and Miss Margaret Smellie, Port Arthur; **Quebec**—Mrs. R. J. Bell, Outremont; Mrs. R. D. Smith, Westmount; and Mrs. O. H. Parker, Sherbrooke; **Ontario**—Mrs. John Williams, Toronto; Mrs. C. H. Thorburn, Ottawa; Miss Godfrey, Sault Ste. Marie; Mrs. N. R. D. Sinclair, Allandale; Mrs. W. D. Turner, Winchester; Mrs. S. M. Gordon, Chatsworth; Mrs. W. Tuckey, Windsor; Mrs. W. J. McKillican, Moose Creek; Mrs. H. Cochrane, Arnprior; Mrs. W. A. Hunter, Madoc; Mrs. D. J. Lane, Goderich; Mrs. W. P. Gamble, Guelph; Miss Blanche Armstrong, Ancaster; and Mrs. J. A. Lucas, Lindsay. In addition to the delegates, members of the Board of Trustees, missionaries on furlough, and other workers and visitors attended the meeting.

The Council was greatly indebted to the Rev. James Wilson, D.D., the minister of Wychwood Church, and the session for placing their new church at its disposal for the meeting, with every provision for the comfort and convenience of the delegates. The members were grateful, too, to the women of the congregation who provided lunch each day of the meeting.

On Wednesday evening when the large audience included many members of Young Women's groups, the opportunity was taken of doing honour to Miss Pelton, until recently the Young Women's Travelling Secretary. On behalf of the Young Women's Department, Mrs. Holman presented to Miss Pelton a Book of Remembrance, together with money with which she was asked to buy herself a gift from the young women.

Thanking those who were present and asking Mrs. Holman to thank those who were not, Miss Pelton said that she would like to assure whoever would be appointed to the position she had held that in the Council Executive of the Women's Missionary Society she would have a Board that would be just, sympathetic, and encouraging and that working with the young women she would find a field of labour that would repay her for every hour spent in it. Mrs. McLennan, on behalf of the whole Society, thanked Miss Pelton for the great work she had done. The members of the Toronto Fellowship invited all present to join the young women in a social hour after the meeting.

On Thursday the Council members cordially welcomed Dr. John Buchanan, our pioneer missionary to the Bhils, as their guest at lunch. He thanked the Women's Missionary Society for ''the wonderful help given to the missionaries'' and expressed high appreciation of the work the Society is doing, stressing the value to the whole Church of the information that comes from all its branches. In this connection he emphasized the importance of our Church members being kept informed of the mass movement among the Bhils in India that they may realize their responsibility to give the best they can in this critical time when the opportunity is so great. Dr. Buchanan told the women something of the beginnings and progress of this work (in which seven missions are uniting) for the bringing to Christ of this Bhil people among whom he and Mrs. Buchanan began work over forty years ago, and for whom his daughter Ruth has for some years been working with him. In closing, he referred to what has been very much on his heart, the blessing that would come to the Church from a great gathering at the time of the General Assembly.

The short devotional services with which the morning sessions began were led by the Provincial Presidents of British Columbia, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba, and Mrs. A. R. McMurrich. In the Service of Remembrance conducted by Miss MacMurchy on Wednesday evening the Council paused in its business to remember some who during the past year had been called from their service in the Church and the Women's Missionary Society. On Friday afternoon, after twelve busy sessions, the meeting closed with a message from the President, Mrs. McLennan, Dr. Wilson pronouncing the benediction.

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The devotional service at the opening session on Monday evening was conducted by Rev. R. G. Stewart, D.D., Moderator of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston. As a fitting message for the dark days through which we were passing, Dr. Stewart read the thirty-fifth chapter of Isaiah, which was, he said, essentially a song of cheer and comfort out of the darkness in which the prophet lived. To the Council he brought the greetings and good wishes of the Synod, which was intensely interested in the missionary activities of the Church and felt that that branch of work was wonderfully blessed through the Women's Missionary Society. In view of the heavy burdens resting on the hearts of the people in those anxious days, he felt the women in session could not do better than concentrate on prayer for the homes, our country, the King, and the nations. He urged all to work for the peace of the world and the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God; if the missionary programme could be put into action, war would be done away with. ''Only God can bring peace.''

From the Board of Missions, of which the Council Executive is a constituent part, greetings were brought by the General Secretary, Rev. J. W. MacNamara, D.D., to whom the Women's Missionary Society is greatly indebted, said the President, for his readiness at all times to listen and advise. Dr. MacNamara assured the members of the Board's deep appreciation of the work of their Society and the fine contribution it was making on the home and overseas fields. It was of the utmost importance for the success of the whole work that there should be the closest co-operation possible between the Board of Missions and the Women's Missionary Society, which had its representatives on the Board, on the Executive, and on the sub-Executives. We are, he reminded them, facing critical times within the Church, as outside of it; there is hardly a field at home or overseas without its difficult problems, or an institution. Hence the need for the utmost care, consideration and wisdom, and the closest co-operation. Fortunate, indeed, he said, is the Women's Missionary Society with its work directed along definite lines and its branches—Council Executive, Provincials, Presbyterials, Auxiliaries—all part of the one organization and all working to the one end. The Society is, to a large extent, able to keep alive interest and enthusiasm in missionary work, and can thus render a great service to the Church, especially at the present time when there seems to be a serious decline in missionary interest and enthusiasm, and, therefore, in response. He appealed to the women to take that matter to heart and use their organization to overcome the antipathy and coldness to foreign missions that was too often found.

THE PRESIDENT'S CLOSING MESSAGE

ALL of 1937 and a portion of 1938 has been recorded, and now we face the future with two resolves: first, to make the last three months of this year count as three months have never counted before, and, second, to gather momentum to make 1939, Organization Year, a great uplift. This can be done only by unity of purpose and action. We must be ready to explore new paths, to reclaim lost ground, to have courage to attack problems, and to be ready to sacrifice self in order to render a true service to our God and to our Society. We must set our faces steadfastly toward Jerusalem. It will not be easy—things that are worth while never are.

In the Orient our missionaries confirm the statement that there is in each country a rising nationalism. The non-Christian religions are adjusting themselves to a modern world. They are allying themselves with this growing nationalism, which holds to certain customs, not because they are right but because they are national. Yet, with that, there are signs everywhere that people are eager for the realities of religion. God's spirit is working among His people. In our own country and in our own Church what do we find? We are told a lessening of interest in missions and a growing antipathy to foreign missions. These past weeks have witnessed the struggle against force and power. The victory has been won only by the greatest forces—love, patience, and tolerance. And that struggle continues.

As one catches the vision of all that hangs upon the outcome, the call of Christ becomes the most exciting challenge in the world to-day. The spiritual life of the world in the past has swung like the pendulum of a clock—now high and now low. History proves that. One would venture to say that the pendulum tends to swing low again. Women in Church and State have great power and influence in the world. God calls on them to-day to help make the pendulum of spiritual life swing high again. What does that mean? It means that we must put first things first. It means we must be ready to sacrifice in order to serve. It means we must realize our utter dependence on God and be ready and willing to do His bidding.

We may go from here with plans—elaborate plans—but unless these are motivated by the love of Christ they will come to naught. All the qualities of love and graciousness and tolerance and kindness and patience and understanding and persistence must be in and about these plans if they are to succeed.

And so as we go from this meeting our several ways, this is the message I would leave with you. Setting our faces toward the mount of sacrifice, with our offerings of time, talents, and possessions, we go back to our various tasks, not discouraged nor dismayed, but comforted and uplifted and filled with a great urge, because back of us stand all the glorious promises of God, promises that have been tried and have never been found wanting. He will uphold and strengthen us; for this is the God who has said, ''Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name that will I do.''

IN MEMORY

LET us praise and thank God for these our friends whom we remember to-night for their single-hearted devotion to God, to the Church and to the Women's Missionary Society, and for their good deeds to the poor. Let us remember them in the words of Holy Scripture.

The ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs, and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die; and their departure is taken for misery, and their going from us to be utter loss; but they are in peace. For God proved them and found them worthy for Himself; as gold in the furnace hath He tried them, and received them as a burnt offering. Therefore, in the time of their visitation they shall shine. And their Lord shall reign forever and ever.

In Heavenly love abiding, there is no far nor near. They are in the presence of the Lord of Life.

Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

As we name to-night some of those who have gone from us, we remember in love and sympathy their relatives and friends, and pray God's comfort for them.

The Moderator, the Right Rev. Donald MacOdrum, D.D.—In company with the Church of his fathers, we mourn his passing, but our grief is lightened with the fact of his joyous entrance into the realms of the blest. Long was his day and well spent up to the evening in the great service of the Lord, the Lord of Lords and King of Kings, and of his beloved Church and country.

We name also in our hearts to-night some of our oldest, most devoted and energetic members, one of whose main interests in life was the Women's Missionary Society and who were bound to us by ties of affectionate friendship extending over many years.

Mrs. J. A. Locheed of Hamilton, the soul of single-hearted service to her Saviour through a life-time of work for the Society, who always encouraged new members with words of kindly understanding and counsel.

Mrs. A. W. Lamb, Montreal, from girlhood a worker for missions, who through many years as Literature Secretary for the Quebec Provincial with outstanding ability and unflagging devotion carried on the duties of her office, though often handicapped by illness. She will ever be remembered not only by her colleagues, for the vision and ability with which she carried on her department, but by all those she helped with suggestions as to the use that might be made of the Society's publications.

Mrs. Joseph Henderson, Toronto, whose loyalty to and love of missions were well known and whose countless acts of generosity to the Society and its student missionaries are an unforgettable memorial to her. One of her many generous gifts was the Louise Henderson Maternity Ward at the Jobat hospital, which stands as a lasting evidence of her sympathy in the Society's work amongst women and children.

Mrs. M. G. Abey, Brandon, the friend and lover of little children, whose memory is enshrined in the M. G. Abey Memorial Nursing Home for Children in the beautiful hill-encircled compound at Amkhut in the Bhil country.

Miss Lillian Mowat, Kingston, who may well be styled a modern Crusader, possessed of loyalty, integrity, steady courage for the right. She gave of her talents ungrudgingly in the service of her country, her Church and the Women's Missionary Society.

Miss Jean Mortimer Clark, much loved, generous, kind and good. She was always mindful of the needs of the Church and the Society and of those who serve them and in countless ways deserved the words, ''Well done, good and faithful servant.''

Also to many others unnamed, but no less gratefully and affectionately remembered for themselves and for their labours of love for the Women's Missionary Society.

We also pay an equal tribute of remembrance and love to the ''Unknown Soldiers'', our fellow members whose voices were never heard in public, regularly present at the meetings, their sweet calm faces a benediction, their offering to God held in their hands as it were a sacred thing, about whom when they passed no resolutions were written, whose life-long faithfulness and love are the rock upon which the Society rests and without whom it could not exist.

These all now

> ''Free from the fret of mortal years,
> And knowing now Thy perfect will;
> With quickened sense and heightened joy
> They serve Thee still.''

These all knew the serene and enduring happiness of being followers of Jesus Christ their Lord. His hand has thrown open to them the gates of new life in which in the further purposes of God they still serve.

May they rest in peace and may light eternal shine upon them. Amen.

FINANCES

The Treasurer's Statement

THE Society closed the year with all debts paid; but, with an estimate of $151,000 for 1937, the Provincial Societies had sent in for the general fund only $142,128, reported Mrs. Strachan in presenting the Treasurer's statement. Disbursements amounted to $145,456 ($10,520 more than in 1936, yet nearly $6,000 below the estimate). The real deficit was, therefore, $3,328; but by a special refund this was reduced to $1,609. It is a serious situation, she said, especially in view of the fact that as a result of the closing or sale of some institutions the work of the Society has been lessened. The trust funds are in excellent condition; otherwise, she remarked, it would be rather dreary going. Looking towards the future, no man knows what will happen, she reminded the members, ''but the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth! In Him, with Him, and through Him we will raise up our banners.'' Gradually a fund has grown up on the Formosa field—just recently the Women's Missionary Society received 30,000 yen for its share from the sale of land in connection with the girls' and women's schools. Even if this money could be brought out of Formosa, about half of it would be lost in exchange if brought home; consequently, no money is being sent to Formosa for the estimate, but the Mission Council is instructed to draw from the fund on the field. A survey made during the year of all insurance policies held by the Society resulted in a considerable reduction. From the Sustaining Fund $1,000 was given through the Board of Missions to assist ministers in the drought areas of Saskatchewan, and $1,000 towards the building of the Hungarian church in Toronto, and since January $500 to the National Committee for the Relief of War Sufferers in China. Had it not been for these trust funds, Mrs. Strachan told the members, the Society could not have brought two Indian girls to Toronto to educate, educated the Chinese girls, made grants toward the building of the church in Kirkland Lake or the Hungarian church in Toronto, to the Red Cross for Relief in China, for Madras, or made the special grants for Christian literature, or, were it not for the Ewart Fund, trained candidates for overseas work. ''This is what has put spice into the work,'' she said. She beseeched the women, however, not to let the general work slip away or be cut down bit by bit, as it will, unless a little more Christian spirit can be put into the work. First things must be put first, with no quibbling over non-essentials. The efforts of all should be exerted to increase the regular revenue. ''Let us be perfectly loyal to our organization and loyal to the Church, without the carping criticism that is doing harm to our Society's budget and to our Church's budget. Don't let us put ourselves first, but God. Put the work of Christ, of the Church, of the Society in its proper place.''

The Special Retiring Fund for Missionaries

This fund created in 1935, Mrs. Strachan reminded the Council, had been slow in getting started, but in the two years it had about doubled. It stands now at $32,895, so that the $60,000 the Finance Committee recommended as an objective could, at the same rate, be raised in four years. It was essential to build up this fund to take care of workers having to withdraw from service before the retiring age.

Pensions

As the Society pays into the Pension Fund of the Church it is represented on that Board, reported Mrs. McLennan. Twenty-seven missionaries are connected with the fund,—Miss Chisholm, returning to the staff, made up the lapsed payments, and in 1937 one missionary was added, Miss E. M. Magee. In 1937 $294.40 from missionaries' rates was paid into the Pension Fund and $1,183.33 (five per cent. of the salaries) by the Society.

Trustees' Report

In reporting for the Board of Trustees, Miss MacMurchy referred to the loss sustained in the death of Miss Jean Mortimer Clark. The deeds of the Rocky Mountain House Hospital property were in the Society's possession; the Vegreville hospital and residences were for sale; the Last Lake house had been moved to land bought by the Society; all property is duly insured and the taxes paid.

Advisory Committees

The Provincial Presidents reported for their Advisory Committees. In British Columbia, Mrs. R. M. Thomson reported, Miss Shirley Scott has rendered such valuable service that they are anxious to keep her. Mrs. Sykes appealed for a larger grant for vacation schools and camps, which are becoming such an important part of the work in Alberta. Saskatchewan had many things to be thankful for, declared Mrs. G. D. Ralston; especially were they thankful for the two deaconesses, Miss Ross and Miss Booth, who were doing a wonderful work in building up the country, for Miss Lamont, and for the grant for camps; and they would like these continued. An important work undertaken was that of getting into contact with scattered Presbyterian families in the province. Two hundred and fifty families were reached and told of the services broadcast by Rev. W. G. Brown of Saskatoon and Rev. S. Farley of Regina and of the ''Sunday School by mail'' carried on by the Sabbath School Department. Now ninety-eight children are enrolled from thirty-two families. A deaconess at large is needed to visit those families and also make a much needed survey of the Chinese in the province. The one deaconess in Manitoba was doing a wonderful work with the young people, helping in a mission and conducting camps, Mrs. Evans reported. She suggested that Miss Macdonald be rather a deaconess at large, extending her work to the other Presbyterials. There was, Mrs. John Williams said, little to report from Ontario. More and more deaconesses could be used, but the Committee felt that the time was not opportune to ask for them. Mrs. R. J. Bell reported for Quebec, in Mrs. Dougherty's absence. There is, she said, great scope for evangelical missionary work among the French in Quebec. The great need in the Italian mission is for a church in the north of the city, so that the work may be consolidated. Towards the building of this church the Presbytery of Montreal was asking the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) for a grant of $1,000, a request that the Advisory Committee endorsed.

International

In speaking of her report as International Secretary, Miss MacMurchy referred to the impetus given to the work of the Women's Missionary Unions of Australia by the celebration of their country's 150th anniversary and to the extension of work among the aborigines.

In New Zealand the interest of the Maori young people has been very marked. The need for Christian literature was greater than ever, she said, referring to two new publications of the Christian Literature Society of China. Literature is being distributed in China to thousands of refugees and interned soldiers; and the *Kingdom of God Weekly* is going to Japanese soldiers now fighting. India has eight Christian Literature Secretaries in the National Christian Council, and Mass Movement literature is needed. For literature for new Canadians the Inter-Board Committee has made a grant, and our Society has made a contribution to Mr. Fesenko's work. ''The inescapable duty that lies before us, that there may be no war,'' Miss MacMurchy said in conclusion, ''is 'to do justly, to love mercy, to walk humbly with thy God.' If we have not tried to do this, on our consciences must lie part of the responsibility for the threat of war.''

Miss MacMurchy introduced to the Council Miss Violet Tennant as one of the delegates to the meeting of the International Missionary Council at Madras. Miss Tennant expressed her gratitude to the Society and the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies for releasing her that she might go to Madras. In January she expects to visit all the stations on the Bhil and Jhansi fields in India.

Candidates

Four new appointments to work in Canada were announced by Mrs. D. Inglis Grant: of Miss Grace Findlay of Briercrest as teacher and Miss Irene Hart of Norway House as supervisor in the Cecilia Jeffrey School; of Miss Mary Todd of Winnipeg and Mr. T. Ingaldson of Norwood as teachers in the Birtle Indian School; and also of Miss Fay McTavish for a time to the new North Toronto congregation. Miss Frances Lockhart was reappointed as matron in the Birtle school. Altogether twenty appointments were made to national work last year. For the first time in fourteen years, Mrs. Grant said, no appointment was made to overseas service, and this not because there are no workers to go, but for lack of funds. Miss Margaret Kennedy, who hoped to be sent out this year, has gone for further study to the Kennedy School of Missions, Hartford, Connecticut. Several young women, Mrs. Grant said, were coming for missionary training. In conclusion, Mrs. Grant stressed three facts: that our Church has a Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, to which students should come for missionary training, and whose graduates are given preference when appointments are made; that appointments are made by the Council Executive, in institutions assistants being appointed in consultation with the heads; and that all applications must come to the Candidates Secretary.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

India

TO her report, which she urged the members to read and use, noting the many reasons for hope and encouragement, Mrs. A. R. McMurrich added more recent information about the work in India. Four missionaries are at home on furlough. Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy has during the past months travelled extensively and worked tirelessly, Mrs. McMurrich reported, and the Society is grateful for what she had done. Now at the University of Toronto School of Nursing she has begun a course in teaching and hospital administration, which will be a great help to her when she returns to India, especially in the Mary Broadbent Training Home. Miss Christine Maxwell is at her home in Kansas and will not be asked to come to Canada until after Christmas, when she may do some deputation work. Dr. Thurrott, after spending the summer at her home in New Brunswick, has begun work. The first three weeks of October she was to be at a series of rallies in Montreal Presbyterial, and then was to go to the Maritimes for a time. Miss Iris Errey is working in Ontario, speaking especially to Mission Bands, whose members are delighted to hear about the children of India. Mrs. McMurrich called attention to a new ruling, made in accordance with the regulations of the Board of Missions, that the Society would no longer pay for excess baggage of missionaries; it has been paying large amounts for excess, because missionaries were asked to take so many parcels from groups and individuals out to others in the field. The great need, Mrs. McMurrich emphasized, is for more evangelistic missionaries for both the Bhil and Jhansi fields because of the hope of a more extensive evangelistic programme following the definite advance of the past year. It is a terrible thing, she said, if for lack of funds work has to be curtailed, urging the members to take away in their hearts the great need in India. She expressed satisfaction that the village schools (Miss Douglas supervises those on the Bhil field and Miss Stringer those on the farm near Jhansi) are relating our educational work to the present-day needs of modern India, and that the boarding schools are filled, and are better staffed and meeting higher educational standards. A senior girl in the Helen Macdonald School won a four-year scholarship for distinction in mathematics. Several are away taking nursing or other training. It is very gratifying, she said, that the British Government officials and Indian rulers appreciate the advance made in our medical work and use the services of mission doctors and nurses.

Manchuria and South China

Mrs. Maas, speaking of the work in Manchuria, told of the arrival on furlough of Rev. W. G. and Mrs. Davis of Taonan. The latter had been doing a wonderful work among the women, especially by means of illustrated talks; the women make copies, take the scrolls home, and tell the stories to others. Mr. and Mrs. Reoch returned to Szepingkai in May. The

Women's Missionary Society has now two missionaries in Manchuria: Mrs. Gehman and Miss Gibbs arrived in Szepingkai in September, but were to go on to the Language School in Peking. Mrs. Maas asked for very special interest in, and prayers for, these new missionaries. In South China respect for Christianity has been greatly increased, she said, by the steadfastness of the missionaries in season and out of season. A very worth-while work is being carried on among the refugees. While Mr. and Mrs. Burkwall have been in Toronto, the latter has been doing very fine work in the Chinese mission.

British Guiana

Seventy-two preaching places were reported in connection with our mission in British Guiana, Miss Lundia MacBeth told the Council, with twenty-four church buildings at strategic points, mostly on the sugar estates. Four new churches were built last year and this year in Georgetown is to be erected the Burns Memorial Church, for which the Eastern Division has given $5,000. Miss Davies and Miss Storey conducted two camps this year, for Juniors and Seniors. Instead of taking holidays in the summer these two missionaries exchanged work. There has been marked progress in the work for women and girls. The great need is for Biblewomen to carry the Gospel to the women in their homes on the plantations; at present work for women is confined to the urban centres and their immediate vicinity. The missionaries' wives are rendering very fine service, Miss MacBeth said, referring especially to Mrs. Rayner's class in sewing, house-craft and nursing for girls and young women.

Japan

Referring to her report on the Mission to the Koreans in Japan, Mrs. N. H. McGillivray spoke of Miss Anderson's illness earlier in the year, which prevented her from working for two months. Dr. Kim, in his work of translating and speaking, is a valuable member of the staff. The public health nurse is doing splendid work among the people. The Koreans are using the Japanese language to a greater extent and, as the missionaries are having to learn it too, language study is added to their work. More workers are needed, more Korean evangelists, because of the growth of the work. ''More helpers mean more money to support them, and prayer that the money may be given. God will give help to this mission,'' Mrs. McGillivray concluded, ''if we at home are faithful.''

Formosa

In accordance with new Government regulations in Formosa, reported Mrs. W. A. J. Martin, many Formosan customs, religious and social, have since the beginning of 1938 been replaced by Japanese usages. These changes in the thought and life of the Formosans offer new opportunities to present the Gospel, of which the missionaries are striving to take advantage. More than ever is emphasis being put on the training of leaders, and in this work conferences are proving of inestimable value. The Theological College having moved to Taihoku, the old college building in Tansui is being used for conferences; our Society gave $500 to furnish it for that purpose. The wives of the missionaries are giving most valuable service in the work for women and girls. Miss Ramsay's work as a district evangelist is greatly restricted because of the Government ruling that one must report every night in the town in which one lives. The missionaries could accomplish a great deal more, Mrs. Martin stated, if a motor car were available for their use. In spite of all the difficulties of the present time, however, the mission in North Formosa is making steady progress.

NATIONAL MISSIONS

School Residences and Hospitals

AS acting Superintendent during Mrs. Gouldthorpe's absence, Mrs. Laramie, Mrs. W. W. Carter reported, had a good year at the Huntingdon Residence, and did a great deal to improve its appearance. Referring to the closing of the Rolland M. Boswell Hospital at Vegreville, Mrs. Carter expressed the Society's deep appreciation of the services of Miss McPherson and Dr. Reid. The equipment was sent to the Rocky Mountain Hospital, which was opened in a frontier district where it is providing badly needed hospital service. By the first evening, Mrs. Carter said, four patients had been admitted to the new hospital, and a few days before the meeting Miss McRae reported having ten patients and four babies.

Deaconesses

Following the Winnipeg delegates' plea for a deaconess at last year's Enlarged Council Executive meeting, Miss Hazel Macdonald again began work in Winnipeg in January, Mrs. W. H. Mitchell reported. At Elmwood, where a solid foundation was laid by Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell in eleven years' voluntary service, the congregation is paying off the debt and taking a keen interest, the secret of their success lying, Miss Macdonald believes, in the fact that a weekly prayer meeting is held. In Vancouver Miss Shirley Scott is working in the South Hill, and Buchanan congregations, and at Knox Mission; by June the former Sunday School had grown from twenty-six to forty pupils; she has a Bible class of older girls there, as well as Missions Bands at Buchanan and Knox and a C.G.I.T. group at Buchanan. Her assistance at the Vacation Bible School was greatly appreciated. Miss Matthew's girls' group succeeded in earning the money for their first camp. Two of the workers in the Peace River district are leaving, Mrs. Mitchell regretfully announced: Miss Madill, who besides her nursing has led three Mission Bands, a Young People's Society, and a Girls' Guild, was to leave at the end of October to be married, going to New Zealand to live, and Miss Rollo at the end of the year to train as a nurse. The Kirkland Lake church was to be opened in a few weeks, all, old and young, sharing in its furnishing. Miss Allan in Hamilton is now serving Calvin and Knox Churches and making a survey of their districts. For the present Miss Fay McTavish is working, under the Presbytery of Toronto, with a new group in North Toronto and doing some institutional work. Miss Munro has been doing deaconess work in St. Cuthbert's congregation, Montreal, making a survey and helping to organize the work.

Indians

The first Indian commissioner to the General Assembly came in June with Rev. W. W. Moore from the Mistawasis Reserve, Mr. Bird, whose family are the fourth generation to have been connected with our mission. Mr. Moore is encouraging the fine handwork being done by the Indian women, for which a market is being sought. Great improvements have been made on the farm at Birtle under Mr. Lockhart. This year for the first time in years there is a good crop. Good returns will mean a reduction in the cost of the school. Many new buildings have been added, and the institution is well equipped. Twenty-six girls were on September 29th awarded certificates for completing the St. John's Ambulance course begun under Miss Kathleen Stewart, the nurse. The great need for more work among the people on the reserves was urged by Miss Lang; home nursing may help greatly to conquer the tuberculosis so prevalent in some families. Mary Begg and Mary Green, graduates of the Cecilia Jeffrey school, are again at the Central Technical School in Toronto, and living at the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home. The needs of the department, Miss Lang said, are a deaconess to do follow-up work on the reserves, a nurse to go to the homes on the reserves to help the Government to stamp out tuberculosis, and a day school near the old Cecilia Jeffrey School.

Chinese in Canada

Chinese work in Canada is both home and foreign mission work, Mrs. J. C. Wood reminded the members; the Chinese return to their own country and we should send them home Christians. It is encouraging to see the interest of the Chinese themselves and to have young women dedicating themselves to Chinese work. All allocations were met in full; in other cases voluntary contributions increased. The Chinese are more receptive than ever. There are at present three trained Chinese workers. Nine of the Vancouver girls were at camp this summer. By correspondence fifty-five children throughout British Columbia are being linked up with the Sunday School. A car would be a great help in Vancouver. In Toronto Mrs. Burkwall has been acting as Superintendent and rendering wonderful service. The value of Mrs. Adams' work among the white women can hardly be estimated. In

Montreal the Chinese work is being extended; for three months Rev. D. A. Smith will help to organize and develop it. Miss Katherine Reid continues as a voluntary worker to give devoted service in Ottawa. In both Toronto and Montreal, Mrs. Wood said, churches are needed.

ORGANIZATIONS

BEFORE the Secretaries presented reports of organizations Mrs. McLennan reminded the members that the Society's work is two-fold,—that of the home and overseas fields and the nurturing and fostering of the home organization. Without a well maintained, live organization at home the Society will not have work at home or abroad. ''Anxious of late years not to curtail the work,'' she said, ''we have starved our organization, spending very little on the promotion of the work. No business organization would have so few promoters in so great a territory.'' Till last year there was only one Young Women's Travelling Secretary. From all parts came calls for Miss Lamont's help, but she is the only Field Secretary. There is no one for the Mission Bands, and only one Secretary shared with the Church for the girls' work. The result is that the work is being left to those who are already overworked, and to those without training, who need help themselves. All this has been borne in on the members of the Council Executive, who have agreed to make 1939 Organization Year. In speaking to their reports, the Secretaries would have that thought in mind. It was hoped that something definite might be planned—to help Provincials to help Presbyterials, and Presbyterials to help Auxiliaries and other branches.

Auxiliaries

In Organization Year Mrs. Gordon urged that an attempt be made to bring the Society back to the enthusiasm of 1925. If interest and numbers at home wane, there will be little hope of carrying on. She reported a slight increase in the membership of Senior Auxiliaries, only 85, but it was noteworthy that the increase was on the prairies and in British Columbia, where conditions have been so trying. The new groups were mainly Associate Societies, the direct result of the work of the paid workers—Miss Lamont, Miss Ruby Walker, and the deaconesses. Miss Lamont, Mrs. Gordon said, had done wonders, but could be in only one place at a time. She urged the appointment of a second Field Secretary and, on the Council, a Secretary for Senior Auxiliaries. It might then be possible to interest the four-fifths of the women of our Presbyterian Church who are not now interested. Why are others not being attracted to fill the places left by the passing of older members?

Home Helpers

''Every woman in the congregation either an active member or a Home Helper''—such should be the aim of the Society, said Mrs. J. A. Hilts, after referring to Mrs. Logie's faithful service as Home Helpers Secretary for over thirty years. She stressed the value of special meetings for Home Helpers; some who cannot attend afternoon meetings could occasionally come out in the evening. An attempt should be made to get the *Glad Tidings* into every home in the congregation. Much can be done by visiting the Home Helpers, not just collecting their contributions; and perhaps by correspondence. Looking forward to Organization Year, Mrs. Hilts urged that an effort be made to increase the number of Home Helpers.

Young Women

The steady advance in the Young Women's Department since 1925 has been possible, stated Mrs. J. D. Holman, only because of the efficient work of Miss Pelton as Travelling Secretary and the help given by the other Secretaries. The decrease in contributions to the general fund in 1937, while in every other respect a gain was reported, might be accounted for by the fact that two Young Women's Auxiliaries gave all their money to the Special Retiring Fund. She urged the necessity of impressing on Presbyterial Secretaries their responsibility to check up reports before sending them in and to draw the attention of groups to the fact that it is the work of the Supply Department to provide necessary equipment for fields. The need for two Young Women's Travelling Secretaries is more urgent than ever. Some Presbyterials have never been visited by one. Miss Negoro, whom Mrs. Holman introduced to the Council, was appointed a year ago, and has given most of her time to work on the studies, which Mrs. Holman hoped would be used more widely. Through the Fellowships the department has been able to give leadership training in the larger centres, but something should be done for rural groups—perhaps through week-end conferences, a reading course, or correspondence.

Girls' Organizations

In Mrs. Kelman's absence, Mrs. J. A. Milne presented the Girls' Organizations report, and Miss Tennant, Girls' Work Secretary, brought forward some points for discussion. There is need of more co-operation and sympathetic understanding among the various branches of the Women's Missionary Society. As possible means of achieving this, certain plans had been suggested: the Mystery Mother plan; a Women's Missionary Society Family Night at least once a year, all the organizations meeting together; where there is no girls' group, the use of the girls' mission study packet by the senior girls of the Mission Band; an arrangement for two or more members of a girls' group to help at Mission Band meetings; the Young Women's or Senior Auxiliary presenting the mission study packet to the girls' group, if it has none. The special project for girls' groups this year has to do with our Chinese work in Canada. The discussion brought out the importance of camps, of leaders' meetings, of supper meetings instead of later evening meetings, and of linking up very small scattered groups through the Secretary. Girls' groups, Miss Tennant explained, become affiliated when they study missions and contribute supplies or money.

Mission Bands

In this department, Mrs. J. A. McClure said, speaking for Mrs. Riddell, who was absent, it is hoped to do two things: make the Mission Bands more efficient and increase the membership. Meetings should be planned to appeal to the highest in the children, not merely to amuse them; they will come to attractive, worth-while meetings. To carry out the four parts of the Mission Band programme—worship, fellowship, mission study, and service—they need the help of Auxiliaries and co-operation with the Sunday School. Auxiliaries should feel responsible for the Bands, supporting the leader, seeing that she has books and other material to work with, and if she has to give up, finding some one to take her place. Girls who are old enough to graduate into a teen-age group should not be held in the Band. Presbyterial Executives are urged to keep in closer touch with their Bands. To Miss Lamont the Department owes much—for getting new Bands organized and old ones reorganized, and for helping and encouraging leaders. With Miss Errey on furlough, speaking especially to Mission Bands, they are looking forward to a good year.

Welcome and Welfare

That attention should be given to all who move from one place to another and the many young women who come to positions in the cities looked after was urged by Mrs. J. M. Warren. The Welcome and Welfare Secretaries are working to build up the Church and so make Canada a better country to live in, she said, appealing for a Welcome and Welfare Secretary in each Senior and Young Women's Auxiliary, and for promptness in forwarding information regarding removals and promptness in acting on the information received. During the summer Miss Munro has met boats and trains in Montreal, endeavouring to help newcomers to Canada and, as far as possible, sending on the names of Presbyterians.

Lantern Slides

Are the lantern slides being used to the best advantage? asked Mrs. N. A. MacEachern, in referring to her report. Effective presentation calls for careful preparation, time, and imagination, she said. No new sets were sent out, but the old ones were revised; the Manchurian set has had thirty new slides added and been brought up to date. Some hymn slides are being added. A Pioneer set is being prepared and should be out soon, and the committee is working on a British Guiana set. For Organizations Year the Society has authorized the preparation of a set on our pioneer missionaries at home and abroad.

Life Membership

Satisfactory replies were received from Provincial Life Membership Secretaries regarding the recording of Life Members, Mrs. A. W. Talbot reported. She referred to members of the Society living far from an Auxiliary and sometimes far from a Presbyterian Church who have given several Honorary certificates; and to a Mission Band boy who has made the two final payments to become a Life Member of the Society.

Library

Requests have come for good missionary papers and books, reported Miss Margaret Keith. Some Pulpit Bibles are still needed. A retired minister in Toronto who had sent part of his library to ministers in the West is sending more books. Care must be taken not to send dirty, tattered books and magazines, she said. She reminded the members that reading matter may be sent free to Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta from October 1st till June.

Supplies

Supplies were provided for the Rocky Mountain House Hospital, but when the hospital at Vegreville was closed, its supplies were sent to the new hospital, stated Mrs. W. H. Fletcher. Outfits for the Indian schools should be complete, she emphasized, with clothing of good, durable material, but attractive. Used clothing in other bales must be clean, in good condition or capable of being made over. If members are loyal to the work, adhere to their allocations, which are prepared to meet the needs of the workers, the work of the department will be covered, without overlapping in some cases and shortage in others.

Publications

The books which have been suggested for Auxiliary mission study for 1939—*Moving Millions,* and, to supplement that, *The Church Takes Root in India*—are ready to go out, announced Miss Margaret Ness. She called attention, too, to the studies for girls' groups and Mission Bands, and to recent publications of the department, especially to *My Mother,* just from the press,—the story of Mrs. Buchanan's life and work written by her daughter Ruth. A reading course for Auxiliaries was being advocated, a committee to suggest suitable books.

The Glad Tidings

Reminding the members that last year the magazine was enlarged in the hope that the tide had turned and a steady increase in demand might be looked for, Miss Mackintosh reported that, instead of that hope being fulfilled, there were nearly 500 fewer subscriptions in 1937 than in 1936, and that so far (until September 29th) 18,932 paid subscriptions had been received for 1938—469 fewer than in 1937. Recognizing the Society's debt to the many *Glad Tidings* Secretaries who are striving to increase the circulation of the magazine, she stressed the responsibility of Secretaries to *get* subscriptions, not just to *receive* them, and to arrange for the prompt distribution of the magazines. It was suggested, too, that the Provincial pages might be used to better advantage as a medium for getting information from Provincial Boards to their branches and for making known events of outstanding importance in connection with the branches, new methods found successful, and helpful suggestions—things that would interest and benefit the whole Society.

Student

In the absence of Mrs. D. D. Calvin, Mrs. Gordon presented her report. The two Chinese students are doing well: Miss Pansy Yeung entered her final year in Pass Arts at the University of Toronto, after acting as leader at summer camps; and Miss Lilyan Leung is again at Columbia University, hoping to get her degree in Nursing Education next year; she will then be able to go to China to take charge of a hospital. Rev. Philip Beattie, Missionary Education Secretary of the Student Christian Movement, is going to Madras. Arrangements are being made to have the missionaries who may be available visit the colleges.

Historian

In speaking of her report as Historian, Miss Parsons called attention to the importance of the years 1937 and 1938 in the Society's history as in other missionary and religious history. So many anniversaries have been celebrated, within our Society and without, the most important of the latter being the fourth centenary of the setting up of the Bible in churches in England, the bi-centenary of John Wesley, and the 300th anniversary of the signing of the National Covenant in Scotland. She would urge on Presbyterial and Auxiliary Secretaries their responsibility for keeping records of important events in their history and for securing information about the early history of their organizations from older members.

Plans for Organization Year

Miss Lamont had prepared charts to show how the various organizations through which the Society's work is carried on had grown or declined in the twelve years from 1925 to 1937. From the point of view of membership the Senior Auxiliaries had reached their lowest point in 1936, lower even than in 1925, and then in 1937 made a slight gain. Home Helpers were a little better, up and down, but last year gained 322 members. Mission Bands rose fairly steadily, then declined, but have begun to go up again, with a gain of 299 in 1937. The Young Women's groups have gone steadily upward; and all rejoiced in their splendid growth. The girls, after a steady increase, began to fall in 1934; it is the only department to show no gain in membership in 1937. What is the explanation of these figures? Miss Lamont asked. In Mission Bands and girls' groups the decline is explained by the lack of leaders, without whom they cannot exist; and that is the concern of those who are older. Then, too, other organizations with no provision for religious and missionary education are attracting them. The provinces that went up are British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Quebec, and in the last four years Alberta and Saskatchewan alone did not go down. Why? Because of adversity? Miss Lamont wished all had seen the courage and sacrifice in those provinces as she had seen it. In her field, 300 miles by 200, Miss Ruby Walker organized five groups as Associate Societies; Miss Matthews organized a group; and new groups were organized in the Peace River district. In Saskatchewan it is partly due to the travel fund, which enables every Auxiliary to send delegates to the Provincial meeting, from which they go home with enthusiasm.

What urges a woman to belong? *First,* a spiritual conviction of personal responsibility. How is that conviction to be fostered? Missionary work has grown in southern Saskatchewan, where there are few ordained ministers, because of the courage and devotion of the women. More ordained ministers must be given to the congregations; and that means more money given to the Church. And through the constructive leadership of the Provincial Boards of Alberta and Saskatchewan the women are linked up in a fellowship of prayer, for the Church's work and the Women's Missionary Society. That has worked. Instead of discouraged, depressed groups Miss Lamont found on her second visit to one district groups of women alive, a change she attributed to prayer for that Presbyterial and the coming of two fine young ministers. Is it coincidence that the two provinces with the fellowship of prayer were the two to go up? A *second* thing that attracts a woman to join is the character of the meeting. Both younger and older women are needed in the group, and the meeting should attract both. In large Auxiliaries the group system works well. *Third*—the character of the programme, working out a definite study that will be a challenge to the intellect as well as the spirit. ''Go out into the highways and hedges, and constrain them to come in,''—then give them something when they do come. *Fourth*—the personality of the officers who sit at the front. It works, Miss Lamont declared. *Fifth*—the atmosphere, which unity of purpose, the charity that suffers long, and a spirit of tolerance, help to create. There is great need for loyalty to our own administrative Board, to our own Church and its institutions and literature. The missionary programme of our Church is *our* responsibility. These things will create that spirit of good fellowship that makes for a happy society. Auxiliaries, too, should have a definite plan for getting and keeping new members, giving the work to a definite committee or person. Leadership training classes are needed, to help those who undertake responsibility. There might be such courses at young people's camps, and at Presbyterials—letting the Executive pass reports and turning the Presbyterial meeting into a missionary institute.

In the discussion stress was laid on the responsibility of officers to be thoroughly conversant with their duties and to perform them conscientiously and intelligently. A general campaign is needed to help Provincials help Presbyterials help Auxiliaries.

Election and Installation of Officers

Miss Lang presented the report of the Nominating Committee, giving the names of those nominated as the officers of the Council and nominating

Mrs. D. Strachan as a member of the Board of Trustees. This report was accepted, and Dr. Wilson, who had taken the chair for the election, installed the new officers.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

The following matters of business were decided by the vote of the members of the Council.

Church for Italian Mission.—That the request of Montreal Presbytery for a grant of $1,000 towards a church building for the Italian mission be referred sympathetically to the Council Executive for consideration by its Finance Committee.

Formosa Trust Fund.—That the name ''Formosa Forward Movement Fund'' be changed to ''Formosa Trust Fund''.

Special Retiring Fund.—That the sum of $60,000.00 be set as an objective for the Special Retiring Fund for Missionaries, that amount to be raised as quickly as possible.

Gold Mite-boxes.—That we support the Special Retiring Fund to our utmost, but leave it to the different Provincials to determine how this should be done.

Car for Formosa.—That a car be purchased for the Formosan field, two if needed, one for each station, and that the money for these be taken from the Trust Fund on the field.

Summer Camps.—That the Treasurer be authorized to do something toward helping with the work of summer camps, the expense of it to be over and above the estimates.

Leaders' Corner.—1. That the Leaders' Corner be continued.

2. That a letter go from the meeting to Mrs. J. R. Hill of Ottawa, expressing appreciation of her work in connection with the Leaders' Corner during the past year.

Meeting of Council.—That the Council meet annually in Toronto.

Representation to Council.—That the representation to the Council from the Provincial Societies shall be: four members from the Board of Management of each of the following Provincial Societies: Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Quebec, and Saskatchewan, and fourteen from the Board of Management of the Ontario Provincial Society, or their elected substitutes.

Constitution (1935 annual report).—1. That from article XXVII ''or as a Junior Auxiliary'' be deleted and the article further amended to read: Any group of young women who wish to become a Young Women's Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society shall adopt the Auxiliary constitution and report to the Young Women's Secretary of the Presbyterial.

2. That to article XXVIII be added the clause, ''They shall report to the Young Women's Secretary of the Presbyterial''; and the article further amended to read: Any group of young women of the Church may become affiliated with the Women's Missionary Society by taking up regular mission study, and by contributing to the funds or assisting in the work of the Supply Department. They shall report to the Young Women's Secretary of the Presbyterial.

3. That article XXIX be deleted.

4. That clause XXXVIII be changed, on the advice of our solicitor, to read as follows: This Constitution may be altered at any regular meeting of the Council by a vote of two-thirds of the members present,

notice in writing of the proposed alterations having been sent by registered mail by the Council Executive to each Provincial Society at least sixty days before their regular annual meeting.

5. That each Provincial Society shall determine the membership and duties of its Nominating Committee.

6. That, with a few changes (which the committee was authorized to make), the revised Constitution and by-laws be accepted.

Young Women's Department.—Three recommendations from the Young Women's Department were accepted: 1. That Presbyterials hold Executive meetings at such time as is practicable for young women to attend, in order that when business that concerns the Young Women's Department is being discussed representatives of Young Women's groups can be there to speak on their own behalf, and that the young women may acquire the experience and knowledge of the practical work of the organization which can be obtained only through attendance at Presbyterial Executive meetings.

2. That the Young Women's Secretary of each Presbyterial where there are no Fellowships survey her constituency, to determine whether a week-end conference could be held to advance the young women's work, the Young Women's Department to provide some leadership for these conferences.

3. That in Presbyterials where there is a Fellowship the Young Women's Secretary of the Presbyterial do her work in co-operation with and through the Fellowship.

Estimate for 1939.—That the estimate as set by the Finance Committee for 1939 be accepted.

Hymn of Renewed Endeavour

O ye whose hearing once was blest
With gentle words of sin forgiven,
Whose glad and grateful hearts confessed
The holy peace of God and heaven,
Yield not in doubt to faithless ways,
Nor think the early rapture vain;
Recall the joy of former days
And lift your hearts in hope again.

As sweet as morning's primal glow,
As true as the returning spring,
The breathings of the Spirit blow
On those that wait His visiting.
The light can bless you as of yore,
The secret word your souls inspire;
God hath revivings yet in store,
The breath, the vision, and the fire.

And He who once did heal and tend
The weary folk of Galilee
Is walking now the roads we wend
As strong in love and sympathy.
Let us extol His wondrous grace,
And serve His cause with zeal renewed;
Quickened to run a better race
In faith, and hope, and gratitude.

—T. G. Snoddy, in *Life and Work.*

Editorial

Officers for 1938-1939

AS will be noticed, the list of the officers elected by the Council at its closing session is not given in our report of the proceedings, but the names are printed on the inside cover of the magazine.

Auxiliary Secretary

THAT the work of the Society may be more effective a new Secretary has been appointed on the Council,—an Auxiliary Secretary, whose duty it will be to have charge of the Auxiliary page in the *Glad Tidings* and through that medium offer help and suggestions to the Auxiliaries. Mrs. J. A. Milne was elected by the Council to fill this new office. (This does not mean, of course, the appointing of an Auxiliary Secretary in any of the other branches.)

The Annual Report

THE 1937 annual report of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) will be sent out soon. While the report is sent to the officers of the various branches of the Society, the information it contains should be available to all members.

The allocation is as follows:

Two to every Auxiliary;
Two to every Young Women's Auxiliary;
One to every Associate or Affiliated Society;;
One for the use of the Girls' Organizations in a congregation;
One for each Mission Band.

There will be on hand a limited number of reports which may be obtained on the payment of twenty-five cents each.

Again we would appeal for special care in the writing of names. Would all those sending in reports of any kind be good enough *to make very sure of the correct spelling of names of persons and places, and then write them very plainly,* so that all possible mistakes may be eliminated? We should be grateful if any who find their names mis-spelled would inform us of the mistake.

Glad Tidings Secretaries

THIS is the busy season for the *Glad Tidings* Secretary in each branch of the Society; now she is getting subscriptions to the magazine renewed for 1939 and securing new subscriptions. Having surveyed her field—the congregation—she should make definite plans for getting into touch with all the women, not forgetting those who are not members of the branch but who might take the magazine and learn something of what the Women's Missionary Society is doing. While the *Glad Tidings* Secretary has been appointed for this work, which is therefore her special responsibility, she should have the assistance of every member in her efforts to have the magazine more widely circulated; it is hardly necessary to say that she will work with the Home Helpers Secretary. Let it not be forgotten that members might be interested in using a subscription to the *Glad Tidings* as a Christmas gift; greeting cards to be sent by the giver may be had by writing to the editor. May an earnest effort be made to get the *Glad Tidings* into every home in the congregation.

The resolutions presented to the Council at its final session will appear in the annual report; to two of them only would we call attention here.

—That we rejoice in the approaching twenty-fifth anniversary of the amalgamation of our Presbyterian Women's Missionary Societies as we look back with grateful and affectionate remembrance upon the efforts of those beloved women who from their labours rest and who so well and truly laid the foundation of our present Society.

—That we pray earnestly for God's richest blessing on the deliberations of the International Missionary Council to be held in Madras, India, at which sixty nations will be represented, that great spiritual awakening and activity may come from it; also that we support, at least by prayer, all known Christian missionary movements that help to spread Christ's Kingdom on earth.

Armistice Day

We mourn our dead, as on each grave
    The wind-tossed leaves of Autumn fall,
And stricken hearts who comfort crave,
    Their loved ones' martyrdom recall.

How Spring's fair promise is belied,
    Summer too often serves to stress;
And Autumn's ruthless winds deride
    Our fading hopes of happiness.

The faith in which our heroes died
    That they might so the world redeem
From lust of blood and racial pride,
    Was it indeed a foolish dream?

Vainly they died if now there be
    No hope indeed that war shall cease.
Will ye pass by unheedingly
    Who claim to serve the Prince of Peace?

—C. S. in the *British Weekly.*

Board of Missions Executive

OVERSEAS Night! Such was the opening session of the Board of Missions Executive meeting on Tuesday evening, the 20th of September. From India, Formosa, Manchuria, and British Guiana first-hand news of the mission work of our Church was brought by missionaries from the fields—Dr. John Buchanan, Mr. George W. Mackay, Rev. W. G. Davis, and Rev. James Dunn.

Rev. A. M. Hill, D.D., Convener of the Board of Missions, spoke briefly of the overseas work, appealing for a wider vision of missions, beyond the work of our Church. In the face of the disintegrating element of modern industrialism missionary work is becoming increasingly difficult and calls for one policy for all fields, a policy to be determined by the home Board. More than ever should emphasis be put on evangelism. The situation in Manchuria constitutes a great challenge to the Church, many coming out for Christ in spite of great difficulties. In India with its strong nationalist movement there has been fear of persecution of Christians, but the fact that so many of the leaders have been influenced by Christianity leads to the hope that they will not persecute Christians. Reports from the fields cause keen regret that the Church cannot take advantage of the great opportunities there are for missionary work. If progress is to be made in the face of the opposition to Christianity, Dr. Hill declared, all Christian forces must join together in a united effort.

Mr. George W. Mackay brought to the Executive, with greetings from Formosa, the thanks of the people for what had been done during the sixty-six years since his father, Rev. George Leslie Mackay, had begun mission work there. The population of the island, which had increased by a million in the last seven years, included Japanese, aborigines, and, most numerous, Chinese who had originally come from the Canton district. In religion the Formosans were mainly Buddhists and Taoists, most of their idols being Chinese heroes. The rise of a nationalist spirit resulted in many Chinese idols being destroyed and Japanese shrines put up, before which the people were ordered to bow. In all towns, he said, shrines are being built. With all the difficulties, however, there are some things to encourage the missionaries. New methods of work will become necessary, but the Gospel is being preached in the homes and more personal work is being done. In the whole of Formosa there are two hundred churches, with four Presbyteries in connection with the Presbyterian Church of England mission in the south and one—there would, Mr. Mackay said, be three—in connection with our mission in the north. Twenty of the churches in our mission are entirely self-supporting. Although poor, the Formosans are good givers. They are, too, good church-goers; at church as at school they have a roll call, and the preachers call on absentees. They have a small pension fund—workers retire much earlier than here, Mr. Mackay explained—and also a Home Mission fund to carry work among the aborigines. The Women's Missionary Society is very active; its Biblewomen visit the homes and bring people to church. New problems have arisen because of the few openings there are for Formosans, even well educated ones, for the Japanese are filling most positions, and because of the necessity for using two languages, Formosan Chinese and Japanese. Mr. Mackay spoke very highly of Dr. Sung's work, which had resulted in a revival throughout Formosa and the organization of preaching bands, each congregation to have at least one band.

The youngest mission of our Church, scarcely twelve years old, has about fifty churches and three thousand members, reported Rev. W. G. Davis of Taonan, Manchuria, bringing greetings from the missionaries on the field and the Chinese people among whom they are working. Mr. Davis showed one of the beautiful banners given to him and Mrs. Davis when they were leaving Manchuria, translating the writing on it as: Love has reached unto the Orient. Missionary work in Manchuria, he said, is still in the pioneer stage; the field itself is a *pioneer* one, the people having moved in from North China in the last two decades. It was a *providential* field; they personally feel that it was providential that they should be taken from a comfortable home in Central China to a mud hut in the pioneer outpost of Taonan. It was, moreover, a *prepared* field: as an immigrant people with enough initiative to launch out in the north and make a way for themselves, these Chinese were unusually progressive, open, and responsive, and among them are some who were in contact with Christianity in old China. Some of the latter, when they realized that a missionary was near, said that, if a preacher were sent, they would get people out to hear him and get a place for him to live. Thus in a short time about fifty churches have been established. It has been, too, a *prayer* field—prayer has been answered—and a *praising* field, full of praise to God for all He has done. Although passing through anxious times, they have been kept in safety and suffered comparatively little from the upheaval, Mr. Davis assured the members. In closing, he appealed to Christians to rise above national bounds.

After Dr. Hill introduced Mrs. Dunn to the Executive, Mr. Dunn spoke briefly of the work in British Guiana. There their problems were not great national and international ones, but those arising from economic conditions and the ''age-long fight between paganism and the Gospel''. The workers were thankful for the holding of the lines in the past, he said, and hope that they may be lengthened and strengthened. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn were leaving later in the week to return to New Amsterdam, British Guiana.

Dr. Buchanan expressed his thankfulness for the wonderful opportunity he had had all through his fifty years' work in India and for the great kindness he had received. Like Paul, he felt himself a debtor—''as much as in me lies . . . to preach the Gospel.'' He is returning to India, hoping ''to enjoy more missionary work''. He referred to the sketch of Mrs. Buchanan's life and work written by his daughter Ruth and just published by our Women's Missionary Society, and to the volume of Jungle Tales which he hoped to have out soon. The resolution that the Executive passed at a later session recognizing Dr. Buchanan's service we give on another page.

Introduced by Miss MacMurchy as one of the two women delegates from the Canadian Churches to the meeting of the International Missionary Council at Madras, Miss Violet Tennant, expressing herself as grateful for the opportunity thus afforded her and conscious of the responsibility, declared her desire to be of service to the Board and to the Church in bringing back something of the Madras Conference, especially in new ways of winning the young people to the Christian Church.

Rev. D. A. Smith reported improved conditions in the Chinese work in Montreal. Owing to Mr. Solomon Leung's ill-health and resignation, however, some one is needed to take Sunday services. In accordance with a resolution of the Presbytery of Montreal, it was decided that Mr. Smith should go to Montreal for three months to take charge of the Chinese work, and organize and develop it.

The new work begun last spring in the Val d'Or district of northern Quebec has made good progress, reported Dr. A. S. Reid. That whole mining country is being opened up, with a railway and a highway, he said. Eight preaching places have been established, three of them at Malartic and two at Cadillac, and six Sunday Schools, the Sunday School at Val d'Or having an attendance of seventy-five. Rev. Donald MacLeod and Mr. Alaistair H. MacOdrum, student missionary, have been in charge of the work, and two men holding positions with the mining company have done very fine work among the men. There is, Dr. Reid declared, a future for those places, and the attitude of the company and the people towards the work of our Church is most cordial. The Executive agreed that this promising work should be continued. Fine progress was reported, too, in the French work in Montreal, where the two missionaries are doing very effective work.

Rev. T. A. Rodger expressed the appreciation of the Synod of Alberta for the appointment of Rev. Kalman Toth, Ph.D., to minister to the Hungarians of Calgary, following the death of Rev. Bela Bucsin. A gold medallist of the University of Budapest and a Doctor of Theology of the Union Theological Seminary, New York, he is a young man of magnificent ability, Mr. Rodger said, who has already won the hearts of the Hungarian people. He visited other fields and organized a school for Hungarian children and a three-week educational campaign among them in the summer.

In response to an appeal from Alberta it was agreed that the Turner

Valley should be considered a frontier field, the Calgary ministers to get full information so that the Board would be in a position to appoint a man to the field.

Dr. James Wilson had represented the Board of Missions at the service conducted by the Presbytery of Orangeville at Feversham to designate Rev. Fred C. Knox to missionary service, on behalf of the Board presenting a Bible to Mr. Knox. Mr. Knox was leaving that week for Ireland to be married before proceeding to India and his new work on the Bhil field. Dr. Buchanan testified to the high esteem in which Mr. Knox is held by the people to whom he was ministering and to his great fitness for the work to which he is going.

A letter from Mr. Lowther brought to the Executive the good news that his health had so improved in Australia that he expected to return to his work in India in October.

Rev. W. M. Mackay, Synodical Missionary for Manitoba and Northern Ontario, reported that fields were in better shape than ever before. Good progress was being made in Kirkland Lake; it was expected that the new church there would be dedicated in about a month, and by the end of the year there would be about two hundred members.

In the West Rev. H. R. Horne reported a great improvement, although not so great as had been hoped for, rust and grasshoppers having destroyed the crops in some districts, especially in the southern parts of Saskatchewan and Manitoba. In Biggar, where for years there had been no crop, Rev. James Wilson has for a year been rallying the people, lifting up the congregation and giving it a fresh start. The great need is for ordained men in both Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Rev. A. C. Wishart asked for the Board's earnest consideration and help in the problems of British Columbia, where many small congregations are having a very difficult time. Excellent work was done by students at Creston and Kimberley, and Nelson, and at Salmon Arm and Canoe by Mr. Wycherly, who was opening up other fields in that district.

Dr. Buchanan put before the Executive his idea of making the next General Assembly an opportunity for the revival of missionary interest throughout our Church. Everywhere he found a great longing for all the power God can give and he felt that from a great rally of the Church such as he had in mind would come fresh stimulus and a real revival. A committee was appointed to explore the possibility of carrying out such a plan.

Mr. E. W. McNeill reported an increase in revenue to the end of August as compared with receipts for the corresponding period last year, and a slight reduction in the accumulated deficit. The chief difficulty, he said, was that people were not contributing sufficient to overtake the operating expenses up to the end of August.

REV. JOHN BUCHANAN, B.A., M.D., D.D., K.I.H.

Resolution presented to the Board of Missions Executive, September 21st, 1938.

THE General Assembly having approved the application of Dr. Buchanan to be allowed to retire from active service in the Church, the Executive of the General Board of Missions wishes to extend to him sincere felicitations and to place on record its profound appreciation of his fifty years of sustained, devoted, and efficient service to Christ's Kingdom and Church.

Dr. Buchanan is a graduate in Arts from Queen's University, Kingston, and in Theology from Queen's Theological College, Kingston; and in Medicine from the University of Vermont, U.S.A.

He was ordained into the Holy Ministry and designated for service in India by the Presbytery of Paris on the twenty-eighth day of August, 1888. In the early autumn of the same year he entered upon his outstanding career in Central India, as physician and evangelist.

In addition to professional knowledge and skill, Dr. Buchanan was richly endowed with practical ability, clarity of vision, and deep spiritual experience. These gifts and qualities were all consecrated to the Master's Kingdom. ''A Christian nation in the heart of India'' was his constantly affirmed ambition. For forty-seven years, until her passing in 1935, Mrs. Buchanan was his devoted companion and co-labourer, giving herself unsparingly to bring the knowledge and light of the Gospel to their beloved Bhil people. Few indeed are privileged to give such long years of outstanding service in one sphere of labour.

In 1913, by command of the British Government, the ''K.I.H.'' (Kaisar I Hind) medal and honour were conferred on Dr. Buchanan, ''for conspicuous service, involving courage and sacrifice''. In 1917 Queen's University conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa.* In 1928 the Presbyterian Church in Canada honoured him with the highest gift in her possession, election to the Moderatorship of the General Assembly.

It is difficult to envisage this active servant of the Church going into retirement even on the completion of fifty years of active service.

The General Board of Missions pays grateful tribute to his distinguished career and his remarkable physical, mental, and spiritual vigour. Further, it expresses the sincere prayer that God may graciously bless him with continued strength and health for many years to come.

At the launching of the *Queen Elizabeth* the Queen emphasized that the mission of the new ship was that of friendship. ''The launching of a ship,'' she said, ''is, like the inception of all great human enterprises, an act of faith. . . . We proclaim our belief that by the grace of God and by man's patience and goodwill order may yet be brought out of confusion and peace out of turmoil.''

Prayer

OUR loving Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the privilege of calling Thee Father and for Thy love and care over us.

We thank Thee for this beautiful country we live in. Give unto those guiding the affairs of our great Dominion wisdom from on high that they may seek peace for our land.

Bless our workers at home and in the far fields; grant to each one an abundant harvest as they strive in Thy vineyard. Be near every member of our Women's Missionary Society, from the Council Executive down through all our groups; help us to give the best of our time, our talents and our money.

Be very near, Heavenly Father, our Mission Band children and our teen-age girls; give us many more of them and many more leaders, that those children may go out into life better fitted to face the work required of them and follow after Thee.

Be near the sick, help them to bear their pain and suffering, and, if it be Thy pleasure, restore them to health. Comfort those who mourn; may their sorrow draw them closer to Thee. Help us each one so to live that those about us may be better. Teach us to say, ''Thy will, O Lord, not mine, be done,'' and forgive what we ask amiss.

All this we ask in the name of Christ our Saviour. Amen.

The greatest Church in all the land,
With wealth and power in its control,
Holds naught but ashes in its hand,
Unless it guards the city's soul.
What means this stately granite pile,
To Christian worship set apart,
If crowded streets, mile upon mile,
Feel not the throbbing of its heart?

Respond, O Church! these myriad calls
Appealing come from street and mart,
Where every man whom sin enthralls,
Expects a welcome to thy heart.
Reach out, O Church! this is the hour
To make thy ministry complete!
God waits, to furnish thee with power,
To lift the city to His feet.

—*The Missionary Review of the World.*

Publications Department

By Margaret Ness

TWO books have again been chosen for the Senior Auxiliaries: **Moving Millions,** a symposium by distinguished writers on the various aspects of Indian life and missionary work, and **The Church Takes Root in India,** by Basil Mathews. The former is the real study book; the latter is to be used as supplementary material. Price, 50 cents each. For further details see the Auxiliary Page in this issue.

We are glad to announce the latest addition to our biographical sketches of missionaries, **My Mother,** the story of the life and work of Mrs. John Buchanan as told by her daughter Ruth, with a foreword by Mrs. Wesley E. Barker,—a beautiful life, beautifully written and attractively produced. Price, 25 cents.

As in November rehearsals begin for Christmas plays, may we remind you that, if you are contemplating a play, you should write to us, telling cast and time, group producing it (whether for Mission Band, Girls' Organization, or Senior Auxiliary), and enclose a three-cent stamp. Three or four plays from our large stock will then be sent you on approval. New plays are: **Christmas Symbols** (15 cents), for a large group of children, featuring the Christmas Star, the Christmas Bells, the Magi, etc.; **Christmas Windows** (15 cents), in which children, grown-ups, and the deaconess celebrate in true Christmas fashion; **Sundhosham's Christmas Gift** (5 cents), an Indian Christmas featuring an Indian girl, her mother, the shopkeeper, and two missionaries; **Children of the Christmas Spirit** (20 cents), for children seven to thirteen years of age, in which Christmas customs in many lands are featured. For those interested in a collection of recitations, dialogues, pantomimes, etc., there will be the 1938 edition of **The Standard Christmas Book** (35 cents). There are still a number of Christmas services in stock at 15 cents each: **Beautiful Christmas Gifts, The Light of a Star, The Wonderful Christmas Story.** Christmas leaflets are: **The Magic Christmas Tree** (4 cents), for Juniors; **Keeping Christmas in Other Lands** (3 cents); **My Best Gift** (4 cents); **Finding Christmas** (3 cents); **Uncommercializing Christmas** (4 cents); **The Star or Sword** (3 cents), for Juniors. Then, too, there is the booklet, **Christmas Customs in Many Lands** (20 cents).

New 40-cent booklets are: **The Ghost of Cæsar Walks** (a study of nationalism), and **World Peace and Christian Missions.**

Brockville Presbyterial introduced to its members a most attractive card and envelope and has kindly allowed this Department to take over the idea, in order that all our women may have a chance of using these cards. The card is of a correspondence type, 4½ x 3½ inches, has the Women's Missionary Society crest and the words ''The World for Christ'' printed in blue at the top, and has a narrow blue border around the card. These, with envelopes, sell at 20 cents a dozen. The cards may be used for sending messages to Home Helpers or to sick friends.

AUXILIARY PAGE

MISSION STUDY FOR 1939

UPON what shall we base our study programmes for 1939?

All eyes are now turned to Madras, India, where in December is to be held the meeting of the International Missionary Council, which represents all lands and all denominations, and to which Miss Violet Tennant, our Girls' Work Secretary, is going as one of seven delegates from Canada. It is, therefore, fitting that our next subject for mission study should be based on India. The book recommended is *Moving Millions,* and it is to be used for study by missionary societies in both the United States and Canada. Dr. Robert E. Speer says in his introduction, ''Nowhere else in condensed form can any such account of present-day India be found as is presented in this little book.'' It is easily read and very interesting. Its chapters deal with (1) the story of India's past; (2) the search for a new religion by seventy millions of India's Untouchables—showing the Christian Church's great opportunity; (3) life in the villages where eighty-five per cent. of the people live and where most of the Christians are to be found; (4) the healing of body and soul; (5) Christian education; (6) the Christian Church in India; (7) facing the future task.

To supplement these studies, we recommend another very interesting book, *The Church Takes Root in India,* which tells of India's response to Christian teaching. In addition, material will be provided which will link up the mission work of our Church with the above studies.

The books mentioned cost fifty cents each. We would recommend that each Auxiliary take from its expense fund sufficient to buy a copy of these books, which should be available for use by all the members and at the end of the year kept by the Secretary as part of a permanent missionary library. In a later issue suggestions will be given as to a method of carrying out these studies and we hope that all Auxiliaries will plan to use them, as any intelligent interest in missions must be based on knowledge of present-day conditions. —*P. B. Lamont.*

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. John D. Holman, *Secretary*

ONCE again the time has come to sum up the increases and decreases of the Young Women's Department. The tabulated statement for 1937 shows an increase in every column except in that for contributions to the General Fund. Congratulations to every group that helped to make these increases possible! May the following prayer inspire each young woman of our Society to make that extra effort needed to ensure an increase all along the line for 1938.

> ''Enlarge our minds to grasp Thy thought;
> Enlarge our hearts to work Thy plan,
> Assured Thy purpose faileth not
> To put Thy spirit into man!
> God of the present age and hour,
> Thrill us anew with holy power!''

The increases shown by each Provincial are as follows:

ALBERTA—groups, members, *Glad Tidings* subscriptions.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—groups, members, *Glad Tidings* subscriptions.

MANITOBA—groups, members, *Glad Tidings* subscriptions.

ONTARIO—groups, members, Home Helpers, Home Helpers' contributions, value of new Supplies, cash sent to Presbyterial Supply Fund.

QUEBEC—groups, members, Home Helpers' contributions, value of new Supplies, cash sent to Presbyterial Supply Fund.

SASKATCHEWAN—members, certificates.

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. John Kelman, *Secretary*

A LITANY OF BROTHERHOOD

Opening: We are climbing Jacob's Ladder (first three verses).

Leader: In the light of God's clear presence, let us re-think these truths which He has revealed:

''God made the world and all things therein . . . and hath made of one blood all nations of men. . .'' (Acts 17: 24-26).

How can we acknowledge our common heritage and yet feel ourselves superior to members of other races?

''Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons; But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.'' (Acts 10: 34-35).

How can we claim to follow God when we ourselves are so blinded by race prejudice?

''A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.'' (St. John 13: 34-35).

How can we call ourselves Christ's disciples and still be indifferent to racial injustices?

Leader: Let us pray: O God the Father, Creator of all mankind,

Group: Help us to recognize our kinship with every person.

Leader: O God the Son, the Redeemer of mankind,

Group: Help us to see the common failings in which we all share.

Leader: O God the Holy Spirit, Light and Life of all mankind,

Group: Help us to discover Thy presence in all men.

Leader: From the sins that divide us: from all class bitterness and race hatred: from forgetfulness of Thee and indifference toward our fellow men,

Group: Good Lord, deliver us.

Leader: From political injustice, from disregard of civil rights, from greed and the arbitrary use of power,

Group: Good Lord, deliver us.

Leader: From dimness of vision which prevents us from seeing the effects of our actions upon the lives of others; from want of sympathy with others' problems; from racial pride which reveals itself in unconscious slights;

Group: Good Lord, deliver us.

Leader: From lack of zeal in the mission of the Church; from cowardice in showing forth the teachings of Christ, as members of His Body; from keeping others from the Church through actions inconsistent with the brotherhood we profess as Christians;

Group: Good Lord, deliver us.

Solo: It's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

Leader: We pray Thee, O Lord, to deepen in us the sense of Thy great love and increase in us an understanding love for Thee.

Group: We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord. (To be repeated after each of the five prayers following.)

Leader: That our spiritual lives may be strengthened through prayer and meditation,

That we may have the courage to show forth Thy love through fighting against all race prejudice and injustice,

That we may have true humility, together with a sense of right proportion in our relations with others,

That the spirit of reconciliation may be made manifest among all men,

That in our relations with others, we may show forth the loving spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: O God, who hast made of one blood all mankind, so that all are Thy children and members one of another, grant that we may be bound together in our common kinship. We pray Thee, O Lord, to make Thy people one. We pray that, since man's need is one, we may all find the one way to Thee, the one God. Forbid that in the highest things we should find fellowship impossible. Purge us from vanity, intolerance, and an unforgiving spirit. May the spirit of Christ break down all barriers and answer the desire of all races. May we never be content with anything that excludes another from the fullness of Thy grace, a single soul from the welcome of Thy heart.

And for all the human brotherhood we pray in the words our Saviour taught us: Our Father, etc.

Song: Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Leader: And now may our Lord Jesus Christ establish us in every good word and work, that His name may be glorified and His Kingdom come upon the earth. Amen.

(This service is adapted from the *Record* of the Girls' Friendly Society, U.S.A.)

Programme Materials

Skip to my Lou (a book of singing games)	20c.
The Red Carol Book, by Healey Willan	25c.
Suggestions for creating atmosphere in programmes on China	5c.
The Health Court (a Health play)	free

MISSION BANDS

Mrs. A. R. Riddell, *Secretary*

Donald MacKay and Arnold Cheshire with their ayahs

YOU may have heard of some babies in our missionaries' families in India and would like to hear more about them. This month we can tell you a little about the children of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Cheshire and Mr. and Mrs. Angus MacKay, who live in Jhansi, India, and the two daughters and baby son of Rev. and Mrs. A. Earl Toombs of Barwani.

Arnold John Cheshire is about a year and four months old, having been born on the 22nd June, 1937. Before he was a year old, his mother wrote that he was a big boy for his age and very lively. At first his favourite toys were a string of coloured beads and a rubber doll, which withstood the rough treatment he gave them better than most of his other toys. Unfortunately, he lost his beads on the train when they were going to the hills, and shortly afterwards the head came off his rubber doll so that he had to have new toys. He is very fond of his *ayah* (nurse) and likes to play with her. ''She seems to enjoy spinning his top quite as much as he enjoys going after it and trying to pick it up while still spinning,'' his mother says. On the first of July Arnold's baby sister, Marian, was born in Landour Hospital.

Donald Ian MacKay, born on the 26th September, 1937, in the Women's Union Mission Hospital in Jhansi, is now a little over a year old. His first toys were a string of coloured beads, several rattles, and a rubber doll, with which he was content to lie and play for a while. His *ayah* is a pleasant little woman. She recently became a Christian and was learning to read. Her own little boy is in the orphanage with Grace Bai, as she has to work and cannot care for him all the time.

Yvonne, Teddy and Joan Toombs

James Edward Earl Toombs (Teddy), a year and a half old, was born in the Jobat Hospital on the 11th March, 1937; Veldora Joan, six years old, on the 25th March, 1932; and Frances Yvonne, eight years old, on the 26th October, 1929. Yvonne and Joan are both at Breek's Memorial School at Ootacamund, South India, going home only for the two months' holiday at Christmas. Although they are nearly 1,200 miles from their parents, they like school and are very happy with so many girls to play with. In Barwani, dressed in their *saris,* they love to play with their little Hindustani friends. As the Indian children have no toys, they make a stove out of some pieces of brick and play house with empty tins and a few clay dishes. This last year Yvonne has enjoyed learning to ride a bicycle and Joan playing with a baby goat and her favourite parrot, ''Elizabeth''. Teddy, Yvonne says, is ''a very nice little boy''. He spends most of his time walking up and down the verandah with a little push-cart. The girls are looking forward to playing with him in the Christmas holidays.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

Mrs. C. E. Jamieson, 1610 12th Ave., West, Calgary, Press Secretary

CALGARY P.S.—The Calgary members of the Provincial were guests at the opening fall meeting of Calgary Presbyterial Executive, which took the form of a supper meeting. Mrs. G. Rae, President, conducted the business, which included discussion of a questionnaire, the findings to be presented at the Council meeting, to which Mrs. Rae was a delegate. The report on the ''Stay-at-home Camp'' was received with applause and satisfaction. Miss Muldoon reported that fourteen Banff Auxiliary members had visited Mrs. Gehman and Miss Gibbs when they spent a day at the Y.W.C.A. Chalet. The discussion on Mission Band work, led by Mrs. Gosnell, brought out some workable suggestions, as did the work brought forward by other secretaries. Miss T. Negoro of Toronto, who was a supper guest, spoke briefly, expressing pleasure at the opportunity of meeting the women of the two Boards.

For the September meeting of Grace Auxiliary when the topic for study was Palestine, the group in charge were fortunate in securing as speaker Rabbi Eisen of Edmonton, recently returned from the Far East. After a travelogue covering the various points of interest in the Holy Land, interspersed with the Biblical history and background in which he is so well versed, he reviewed present conditions and prophesied that his people and their country would play a splendid, and necessary, part in world affairs in the very near future. Mrs. R. L. Freeman read an illuminating article on the character of the Jewish people, which was provocative of thought as to our attitude to this greatly misunderstood race. In opening the meeting, Mrs. J. H. Jamieson, President, spoke feelingly of the recent passing of Mrs. J. A. Bell, a charter member of the Auxiliary and a dearly loved member, who had given of herself unselfishly in all the work of the organization. The members observed a moment's silence in her memory, and then sang her favourite hymn, ''Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills the breast.''

A meeting of the Calgary Fellowship Executive was arranged to coincide with Miss Negoro's stop-over in Calgary on her return from a holiday at her home at the Coast. Besides the very delightful social aspect of this gathering, helpful suggestions and information were derived from conference with this talented young lady, who is assistant Young Women's Travelling Secretary.

Three young women's groups in Calgary have opened their fall term, one at Knox and two at Grace. The Senior Young Women's Auxiliary had forty members at its supper, following which they held their regular meeting, with Rev. A. Bright as the guest speaker. The Junior Young Women opened with a picnic supper on the lawn of Mrs. R. E. Perkin's home.

Edmonton P.S.—Mrs. James Fraser of Edmonton, for many years an untiring Home Helpers visitor and collector, has passed to her reward at the age of 77.

Mrs. James Adam, who with her husband, Professor Adam, lately of the University of Alberta, has moved to Victoria, leaves behind her a record of many things done, and done well. For the past twenty years she has served the Women's Missionary Society on the Provincial Board as Treasurer, Young Women's Secretary and Home Helpers' Secretary, besides having been Presbyterial President and, during the current year, Auxiliary President, in addition to her work as a Sunday School teacher. Before their departure, the session of First Church and members of the Women's Missionary Society held a social evening in the church in honour of Professor and Mrs. Adam, presenting them with gifts.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MISS SYBIL D. WHITE, 2007 W. 63RD AVE., VANCOUVER, PRESS SECRETARY

VICTORIA P.S.—St. Paul's Auxiliary entertained the C.G.I.T. group and Mission Band at tea recently. Miss Jean Sloan, C.G.I.T. leader, was in the chair, and after a programme contributed by members of both junior groups, a brief outline of the season's activities was given; these included the six weeks' course in personal hygiene and mothercraft under the direction of a Victorian Order nurse and the preparation of each week's Sunday School lesson led by Mrs. Hyde and Miss Sloan. On display was the season's handwork—Scripture posters, dressed dolls, and scrap-books—which will be forwarded to the new hospital at Rocky Mountain House. After the programme, Miss Rodger, Presbyterial Girls' Organizations Secretary, presented Miss Sloan with a gift from her group. To Jean Seivart, President of the Mission Band, Mrs. Fuller, Mission Band Secretary, presented a Life-Membership certificate and pin on behalf of the Auxiliary.

Westminster P.S.—In Mount Pleasant Church Hall on August 20th a farewell reception was held for three outgoing missionaries, Miss Isabel Taylor, returning to Formosa after her first furlough, and Mrs. Mildred Gehman and Miss Helena Gibbs, who are to begin work in Manchuria. Rev. and Mrs. James Dunn of British Guiana were also present. Mr. Dunn gave a very instructive talk on the work there, stressing the fact that ''man's inhumanity to man'' was one cause of the injustice and degradation so prevalent in British Guiana. Only as we send the people of British Guiana the message of Jesus Christ and His wonderful love can these appalling conditions be changed, he declared. Dr. Esler closed with a very earnest prayer for God's care over each missionary and guidance for those who wait at home. At the close of the meeting tea was served by the Provincial Executive.

On September 9th Women's Missionary Society members and friends met in Central Church to hear Miss Alma Burdick of Formosa, who was in Vancouver during the Tokyo Language School vacation. Mrs. W. H. MacInnes, Provincial first Vice-President, was in the chair. Mrs. D. A. Fowlie, Presbyterial President, directed the devotional thoughts, at this time of strain and worry taking as her theme, ''Be still and know that I am God.'' Miss Burdick said the conferences that our missionaries are holding are a source of great inspiration and light to many of the native pastors' wives. As it has been advisable to devise new methods of spreading the Gospel since the Japanese authorities have taken over the school, a three-weeks' Bible Conference was held. The training of leaders for the vacation school was undertaken by Mrs. Mackay and Mrs. Dickson. Miss Burdick took as her subject, ''The Lord is our Light'', and asked the members to plead with God that light may be given to our workers in leading those in their charge to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Miss Elva Carson, 308 Cambie Road, R. R. 1, Eburne P.O., has been appointed by Westminster Presbyterial Executive Girls' Organizations Secretary, replacing Mrs. Thos. Fishwick, whose resignation was regretfully accepted in September. Until June of this year Miss Carson was associated with Mrs. I. Macdougall in the leadership of the Woselo Girls' Guild of Kerrisdale Church and was responsible for the group's missionary programme.

MANITOBA

MRS. GEORGE REYNOLDS, 218 YOUNG ST., WINNIPEG, PRESS SECRETARY

THE autumn Thank-offering meeting of First Church Auxiliary, Winnipeg, was held on September 28th. A devotional service was taken by Mrs. W. Gordon Maclean. After welcoming the members and friends, the President, Mrs. G. A. Warrington, introduced the speaker, Miss Hildur Hermanson, one of our much loved missionaries, who gave a most interesting and inspiring address on her work in Formosa. Miss Hermanson utilized part of her furlough time taking a course for graduate nurses at Manitoba University and doing work in the Tuberculosis Sanitarium in Saskatchewan. She intends continuing her studies in Toronto before leaving for Formosa. Miss Hermanson eagerly looks forward to the time when there will be in connection with the Mackay

Memorial Hospital in Taihoku a Tuberculosis Clinic such as was built for the lepers. She asked for the continued prayers of the women for her work in Formosa. In the social half hour the members had an opportunity of again meeting Miss Hermanson.

ONTARIO

MISS E. MACBETH, 206 HAVELOCK STREET, TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

A WORD from the Provincial President.—The eleventh hour strikes! What remains to be done before the year passes, never to return? Read again your July-August *Glad Tidings* to recall our objective. Has every possible subscription to the *Glad Tidings* been secured? How much have you helped to increase membership? To reach our allocation of $118,750 we need $73,576.86. How marvellous it would be to go over the top! *Have we ever had greater cause for thankfulness?* Surely our Thanksgiving will find liberal expression. How will you use the two months remaining that there may be no regrets? Let us remind ourselves of our aim, The Gospel for the World; this is the responsibility and privilege of Christian women. *Have we done our best?*

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The annual rally of Huron Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, Auburn. Rev. Gordon Peddie of Clinton, Moderator, brought greetings from the Presbytery and congratulated the Women's Missionary Society on the wonderful work accomplished. In her address the President, Mrs. D. J. Lane, said, "A living experience of the Lord and His presence is an essential element in missionary work. Sometimes we plan and do on our own strength and it is small wonder that we fail in our objective. Our attitude to our Church and our Missionary Society has a great influence upon our neighbours who may not be so missionary-minded. We forget that your life and mine may be the only Bible some people may read." Rev. John Buchanan, D.D., the heroic veteran who has spent half a century among the Bhils in India, was the speaker. The reports indicated satisfactory progress had been made during the eight months of the year.

The autumn meeting of St. Paul's Auxiliary, Thornbury-Clarksburg, Barrie Presbyterial, was addressed by Mrs. K. N. Cooper, Presbyterial President, and Mrs. C. W. Maitland of Collingwood, who spent some years in the Bhil field in India. The Collingwood Auxiliary held a garden tea at Mrs. Maitland's home; an interesting programme and a social hour combined to make a pleasant gathering.

A sectional rally of the Auxiliaries of Galt, Preston, and Hespeler was held in Central Church, Galt, Mrs. Frank Rayfield presiding. The Presbyterial President, Mrs. W. P. Gamble, brought greetings. Miss Iris Errey, who spoke at both sessions, told an interesting story of her work among the Bhils in Central India. A large representation of

Mission Banders and young people attended the evening session, when her address was illustrated with coloured slides, showing the children of the M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home.

An increase of $1,100 over the corresponding period of last year was reported by the Treasurer, Mrs. G. L. Oliphant, at the autumn rally of Toronto Presbyterial in Wychwood Church, Toronto, at which seventy-five Auxiliaries were represented. Mrs. J. Hill, Presbyterial President, was in the chair. The progress of the Presbyterian Church in Formosa was outlined by Mr. George W. Mackay, Tansui, son of the pioneer missionary, Dr. George Leslie Mackay. One in every hundred Formosans is a Presbyterian convert, making a total of about fifty thousand. Twenty congregations are self-supporting and three full-time Bible-women are supported by the Formosans. The Formosans are sociable and easy to get into contact with. They are ''good givers'' and are encouraged to become self-supporting. Miss Florence Rice of Chalmers C.G.I.T. told of her experience at Glenmohr Camp; and reported that she had benefited spiritually, mentally, and physically. Wychwood Mission Band gave a splendid demonstration during the Mission Band hour. At the evening session, in charge of the Young Women's Department, Miss P. B. Lamont gave an address, telling of the difficulties under which groups that could not afford a minister were carrying on in the dried-out areas in the West and of the great need for increased funds for deaconesses and ministers. A helpful conference of Mission Band leaders was held in Dovercourt Road Church, Toronto. Mrs. A. S. Kirkland presided. Music rhythm and finger plays suitable for Mission Band work were demonstrated by Mrs. Donn. Mrs. H. Keefer urged the leaders to send in their money twice a year. Easily made articles for the bale were displayed and explained by Miss M. Maxwell.

The Lancaster Auxiliary and Picnic Grove Young Women's Auxiliary in Glengarry Presbyterial were guests of Glen Gordon Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Lancaster, at a meeting at the home of Mrs. D. McNicol. Mrs. J. A. Sangster presided. In view of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Ontario Provincial Society Mrs. D. Mason McLennan gave an interesting history of that Society since its formation. Mrs. Alpine MacGregor (Mora McLeod), Williamstown, speaking on ''Giving'', interpreted the 35th chapter of Exodus for our day.

Many members of Brockville Presbyterial had the pleasure of hearing Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy when she visited Morrisburg, Cardinal, and Spencerville. Mrs. Irwin of Cardinal presided at a well attended sectional meeting at Mainsville, with members from seven Auxiliaries present. Mrs. W. D. Turner, Presbyterial President, was the guest speaker. Miss Walker, Winchester Springs, displayed new ideas in attractive samples of work done by her Mission Band. Chesterville Auxiliary entertained Winchester Auxiliary at the home of Mrs. Weegar; members from both Auxiliaries contributed to the programme. The forty-eighth anniversary of Morewood Auxiliary was observed at the home of Mrs. Rainey. Guest speakers were Mrs. W. D. Turner, Mrs. C. Robertson, Miss E. Carlyle and Mr. Thos. Lamont, student minister. Mrs. Turner conducted an impressive affiliation service of the C.G.I.T., who with women of the congregation were guests of the Auxiliary.

Organized in the fall of 1915 by Miss Margaret Allan, the Young Women's Auxiliary of St. David's Church, Hamilton, has maintained its interest for the past twenty-three years, with an average membership of twenty-two.

The fiftieth anniversary of Knox Auxiliary, Tara, in Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterial, was celebrated in August. Mrs. P. Reith presided. Greetings were received from Mrs. W. G. Hanna, who organized the Auxiliary and was its President in 1888. Miss Helen Ross of Regina was the speaker. During recent years the Auxiliary has experienced the joy of meeting its allocation. The September meeting of Knox Auxiliary, Walkerton, was in charge of the Home Helpers Department and a birthday offering of twenty-five cents a member was received in honour of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Provincial Society.

QUEBEC

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QUEBEC P.S.—A well attended sectional meeting in Scotstown on September 23rd was most inspiring and instructive. It was very encouraging to hear that both Milan and Scotstown were optimistic of reaching their allocations and reported continued interest by their members, although unfortunately their number is growing smaller each year. Mrs. Martin of Gould spoke of the problem of making the meeting attractive and spiritual, and stressed the importance of reading the *Glad Tidings* and studying the annual report. Mrs. A. Murray of Sherbrooke, who gave the address, spoke of the sacred feeling we should have for Palestine where Jesus walked. She pointed out our obligations to the East; if we were not able to carry the message ourselves we could help with our money to send someone else, and always we must remember our missionaries and missionary work in prayer. Mrs. McKelvie of Lennoxville based her closing message on the text, "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place and rest awhile."

Montreal P.S.—At the third annual rally of the Young Women's Auxiliaries of the South Shore held in Athelstan Church on June 25th all groups were represented, except one. The meeting was constituted by Mrs. Charles Johnson, President of Montreal Presbyterial, after which a most impressive devotional service was conducted by Miss Ferguson of the Leaders' Fellowship. Miss Agnes Dickson gave a most timely address on conditions in China, showing what the Gospel had accomplished in furthering friendship and upholding Christ through these very distressing and sad times. Miss Dickson stressed the announcement of Madame Chiang Kai-Shek of the withdrawal of orders against the teaching of the Scriptures in all schools because it was realized that Christians in China were bearing their full share of the sorrows of China and bravely staying at their posts of duty. A questionnaire sent to all the Auxiliaries was presented by Miss MacNaughton with the answers, which gave evidence of much thought and preparation. Information and inspiration were the hoped-for results of this part of the programme. Miss Barbara Dougherty, Provincial Young Women's Secretary, brought greetings from the Provincial Board.

The September meeting of Montreal Presbyterial was held in Knox Crescent Church Hall. The President, Mrs. Charles Johnson, presided; Mrs. G. W. Grier conducted the devotions. Mrs. W. E. Baker, newly appointed Y.W.A. Secretary, reported a new Auxiliary at Hemmingford, and Mrs. T. Morgan two new Mission Bands. The Treasurer, Mrs. Harding, reported a substantial increase in givings as compared with the same period last year. The speaker of the afternoon, Rev. Dr. F. S. Morley, congratulated the members of the Women's Missionary Society on the success of their work as revealed in their reports. Such effort was necessary at so critical a time, he remarked. Speaking on the subject ''The Church Faces The World'', he commented on the steadying effect of a study of the history of the Church and recalled times of trial which the Church had endured and from which it had emerged victorious. He explained the causes of the rise of modern militant atheism, especially in its manifestations in Russia and Germany. At no time, he believed, had the Church shown more heroism than Lutheran Protestantism was showing in contemporary Germany. He prophesied the ultimate failure of any faith which trusted in man's abilities and called for loyalty to a supernatural religion in which God had revealed Himself to man, and one true Church composed of those who believed in that revelation. Dr. Morley maintained that the followers of Christ should be supremely confident of the ultimate triumph of their faith.

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PRINCE ALBERT P.S.—In June the Tisdale Auxiliary held its meeting in the evening, inviting the women of the other congregations to hear Miss Hermanson, who gave a very interesting and helpful address on missionary work in Formosa. After the meeting a social hour was spent. In August the Auxiliary held a special Home Helpers meeting. In her address Mrs. Downing stressed the importance of the Home Helpers to the Women's Missionary Society and urged all to give their offerings cheerfully, with purpose and sincere prayer.

In August Mrs. Mackay, Vice-president of Prince Albert Presbyterial, organized a Mission Band in Carragana. Mrs. Downing, Presbyterial Young Women's Secretary, explained to the children why we have a Mission Band. Mrs. White, Tisdale, gave a demonstration of a Mission Band meeting. Mrs. Mackay was in charge of the devotional service and installed the officers.

Regina Presbyterial.—The C.G.I.T. of First Church, Regina, held a Mother and Daughter banquet. The theme of the programme was the study book *Since 1761.* Lantern slides in colour were shown of a day in camp at Carlyle Lake. A Life Membership certificate was presented to Mrs. Frank Wood, who is resigning as Superintendent.

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September 30th, 1938

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A Friend	32.00
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Legacy Fund—	
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Along the line of smoky hills
The crimson forest stands,
And all the day the blue-jay calls
Throughout the autumn lands.

Now by the brook the maple leans,
With all his glory spread;
And all the sumachs on the hills
Have turned their green to red.

Now, by great marshes wrapt in mist,
Or past some river's mouth,
Throughout the long, still autumn day
Wild birds are flying south.

—*William Wilfred Campbell.*

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Editorial

Dr. Buchanan

IN September Dr. John Buchanan, who is spending part of his furlough in Canada, celebrated his Golden Jubilee as a missionary of our Church in India. We are very grateful to Dr. Buchanan for writing for the *Glad Tidings* the article on the Group Movement among the Bhils that appears in this issue. All who are interested in those hill folk of India, in the work of Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan and the other missionaries on the Bhil field, and in interesting story-telling will be glad to know that Dr. Buchanan expects to publish a volume of tales of the Bhil jungle as he has known it during nearly fifty years there.

Going to Madras

AS was announced in the September *Glad Tidings* Miss Violet Tennant, Girls' Work Secretary, under the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies and the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), is one of the delegates from the Canadian Churches to the meeting of the International Missionary Council near Madras. Miss Tennant expects to leave New York on the 17th November, arriving at Colombo, Ceylon, on the 8th December. She hopes to spend a few days in South India before the Conference (December 12-30), and later to visit the Bhil and Jhansi fields, sailing from Bombay on the 11th February.

The Madras Conference

ALL who are interested in the position of the Christian Church and its work of world evangelism should appreciate the importance of the meeting of the International Missionary Council at Madras in December. With the World Missionary Conference in Edinburgh in 1910 began a new era of co-operation among Protestant Churches in their missionary efforts. On account of the War the next meeting, which was to be ten years later, was not held until 1928, when the International Missionary Council met in Jerusalem. Now the third world conference is to be held this year in Madras, India. The momentous changes that have taken place in the life of the nations, the growth of the younger Churches, as well as the present state of the world, have made it imperative, missionary leaders believe, that representatives of all Churches should consult on the problems, and the opportunities, that face the Christian Church to-day.

The new buildings of Madras Christian College, at Tambaram outside the city, have been placed at the disposal of the International Missionary Council for its meeting. It is expected that from sixty countries four hundred and fifty delegates will gather there,—except for a few men and women asked to attend as authorities on special subjects, delegates who have been appointed by the National and International Councils, half of them from the so-called younger Churches. It is the first world missionary conference in which official representatives of the older and younger Churches will meet on an equal footing as to numbers and status. It is significant, too, that efforts have been made to have a goodly number of *young* delegates appointed.

With the thorough preparation made during the past two years, the careful arrangements for the meeting itself, whose theme is to be ''The Church'', and the plans for carrying its message back to the Churches represented this great world gathering should lead to the strengthening of the Christian Church and its work of evangelization.

The July number of the *International Missionary Review* was a special double number, devoted largely to articles on topics that will be discussed at Madras, and a survey by Dr. John R. Mott of the Edinburgh and Jerusalem meetings and subsequent developments of the missionary enterprise as well as of some of the principal questions that will come before the Conference. All who can do so should study this number of that missionary quarterly.

A Call To Prayer

In order that the Madras Conference may be undergirded by the prayer of the Christian Church, you are asked:

1. To pray for the International Missionary Council as it meets in session, December 12-31, 1938, at Madras, India.
2. To pray that those who come to Madras may do so in a spirit of humility and repentance for past failures.
3. To give thanks for God's guidance in the past and pray that His spirit will lead the Conference day by day.
4. That there may be vision and hope and power in the meetings.
5. That the delegates may be able to interpret this meeting to the home Church with power, on their return.

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Movements of Missionaries

NEW MISSIONARIES

To Manchuria—Mrs. Langdon W. Gehman, nurse evangelist, and Miss Helena W. Gibbs, evangelist, both under the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.). Sailed on the *Empress of Japan* from Vancouver on the 20th August, 1938.

To India—Rev. Fred. C. Knox, the Bhil Field, October 1938.

MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH

From Formosa—Miss Hildur Hermanson, the Mackay Memorial Hospital, Taihoku. Returning to Formosa in January 1939. (Women's Missionary Society, W.D.).

—Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mackay, Tansui.

From India—The Bhil Field: Miss Iris Errey and Miss Christine Maxwell, Amkhut; Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, Jobat. (Women's Missionary Society, W.D.).

—Dr. John Buchanan, Amkhut.

—Jhansi: Dr. Elizabeth Thurrott. (Women's Missionary Society, W.D.).

From Manchuria—Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Davis, Taonan.

MISSIONARIES RETURNED FROM FURLOUGH

To Formosa—Miss Isabel Taylor, Tansui, August 1938. (Women's Missionary Society, W.D.).

—Mrs. Eugene Stevens, May 1938. Dr. Stevens returned to the Mackay Memorial Hospital, Taihoku, a year ago.

To Manchuria—Rev. and Mrs. Allan Reoch returned to Szepingkai in May 1938.

Our Marching Orders

BY REV. JAMES REID, D.D.

Reprinted from the *British Weekly*

"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."
—Mark xvi: 15.

WE cannot escape the fact that Christianity is a missionary religion. If we want to escape it, it is a clear sign that something is lacking in our grasp of the truth. Yet some people have little interest in what is called foreign missions. The epithet is unfortunate. It creates a prejudice. It suggests something alien. The word "foreign" should not be found in a Christian's vocabulary. It is one of the words that Christ came to banish from our speech and thought in relation to other nations or races. For among other changes wrought by the love of Christ is the change in our use of language.

There are various reasons for a vital interest in missionary work. If we have the grace of God in our hearts we shall want to pass it on. Real faith creates the passion to propagate it. Even the flowers in the garden live by casting their seeds on every wind. If Christianity is doing its work in us, we shall know that this is what all the world needs. If we have the grace of Christ also, it will awaken in us a real care for other people. We shall have a new interest in them, whatever their nation or the colour of their skins. That concern about them will make us want to give them the best.

If anything more were needed, there is the explicit command of Christ: ''Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.'' That must have been a very startling call to disciples who were Jews. But it was His final instruction. It is His marching orders to all His followers. We have no right to pick and choose among the commands of Jesus. Our temptation is to select what appeals to us and leave the rest. But that will not do. Missions have too long been looked on as a hobby of pious Christians. In real truth, the missionary work of the Church is the main artery of its life. Without this channel of service, it is little wonder that we suffer from spiritual anæmia. Nothing so clearly measures the temperature of our souls and the quality of our devotion to Christ. Whatever excuses we make for mission deficits, they are a symptom of spiritual deficiency. They are also a cause of it. The selfish spirit lives in a vicious circle. For the less we give or do for others, the less we are inclined to give or do.

There are special temptations at the moment to side-track the missionary movement. The world is in a ferment. We are so occupied with self-preservation that we are apt to feel that missionary work is out of place, or that it can be set aside for the time being. That is the last thing of which Christ would approve. Whatever His preoccupation, His mind had always a place in it for individual human need. He might be going on some important duty, but He would stop to care for a blind beggar by the wayside. His disciples would have brushed some of these needy people aside. But Christ would stop and give His whole attention to the one in need. Even when the Cross lay ahead and His whole passion was set on the last act of self-giving, He had time and a place for individual trouble. He knew that this human service was the thing that mattered most. It was the constructive power in a world that was going to pieces.

This should be our point of view in the present troubled world. Both east and west, cruelty and destruction seem to be having it all their own way. What can we do in the face of these volcanic outbursts of human passion? What reply can we give to the outrages on China, for instance? Are we to suggest to ourselves that meantime we should relax our missionary work there?

The truth is that the most constructive and healing work which is being done in China to-day is being done by the missions we have established, and by the native church. We have taken the view that we must not intervene. That seems the only policy. But it will be cowardly and selfish if we do nothing more. In truth, such work as is being done through missions is the one thing that can give our conscience any peace. The same thing might be said about our work among other peoples. Dr. Schweitzer says that all the money and men we could send into Africa would not atone for the exploitation of native peoples of which Europeans have been guilty in the last fifty years. To give them our Christian faith and the service which goes with it, is bare justice. It is the only way in which the past can be redeemed.

Three months ago, Madame Chiang Kai-Shek gave a noble address to a group of missionary leaders gathered at Hankow. She announced that the ban on the teaching of the Christian faith in mission schools was lifted. But she took opportunity to thank the missionaries for what they had put into the spirit of China. In these days of war they had remained when many others had fled. They had succoured the people and upheld in them the spirit of self-sacrifice. This is, perhaps, the most notable justification of Christian missions that has been made in recent years. It ought to thrill our hearts and make us grateful for any share we may have had in it. It should confirm our faith in the Gospel. Below the surface, the healing, redeeming power of God is at work on the torn and bleeding body of humanity. He is at work all the time. He does not use the methods of mass-propaganda which look so impressive. He works like the tiny rootlets of plants and trees, which gradually break up the soil and even rend the rocks.

If our faith is to live, it must find confirmation in the continued acts of God. It must be strengthened by seeing Him at work. To see the Gospel recreating men and women is to have faith in Christianity reborn in our own hearts. This is how the service of Christ in other lands rewards us. The love that goes forth to light Christ's fire in the hearts of others returns from them to rekindle that fire in ourselves.

A Church which is not at heart a missionary Church, which is concerned chiefly with its own selfish interests and has little desire to extend its messages to others, is not the Church of the Gospel or the Master. Christians should be the first to recognize that, yet to-day we have the spectacle of secular states on fire with missionary enthusiasm and rejoicing in every expansion, no matter what the cost, setting an example to a self-centred and lukewarm Church. Moreover, such states are also paying great attention to the training of the young, thus ensuring a rising generation to carry forward the cause. In the Church we hear on every hand the complaint that there are few to take the places of the devoted Churchmen of the older generation. . . .; if that be true, the Church is facing a dubious future.

—*Bishop Oldham.*

Group Movement Among the Bhils

By Rev. John Buchanan, D.D.

FIRST, we must distinguish between mass movement and group movement. What has been long called in India ''mass'' movement has not really been that, but rather ''caste'' or ''group'' movement.

Among Hindus there are in every district many, many castes, each having its own place—a very distinct place—in the religious, social, and economic order. One caste cannot change without disjointing the whole Hindu system. As in the human body, if ''one member suffer all the members suffer with it''. Hinduism is a body with comely parts and uncomely parts. (See I Cor. 12.) Among the Hindus, however, it is not true that when ''one member (an uncomely or despised caste) be honoured all members rejoice with it.'' It upsets their system and they won't have it. Hence they fight it.

One caste, a low caste, moves and Christianity spreads among those of that caste. It is a kind of disruption. Hence, naturally enough, all the other castes, say twenty or thirty, unite to oppose it. The caste system is a machine, and the taking out of any wheel, unless adjustment is made, spoils the machine. When any one caste in the Hindu body politic moves to Christianity we have not a *mass* movement, as it has been called, for the mass is against it; we have a *caste* or *group* movement. In Mohammedan countries we may have mass movement, as the Mohammedans are one people. And in China we may have mass movement. So, too, among the Bhils, a distinct race and practically one people, we may have, and in some places are having, real mass movement.

In any country where there is an awakening towards Christianity there is always, first, the individual awakening, as in the case of Cornelius, Lydia, etc. Then the work of the Spirit, when not hindered but wisely and sympathetically fostered, inevitably leads on to group movements, which may become a real mass movement, as was the case in Europe.

From the beginning of the Bhil work, we had individual awakening, which was almost at once followed by *group* movement. The first groups were in clans. In 1898 a man named Brown had the Bhils out for a hunt. He had a panther driven back and forth before him as he sat safe on a scaffolding in a tree. Brown told me he had shot at it seven times, but ''the panther seemed to have a charmed life!'' Lungiya's uncle, a Bhil, called Brown to come with him to the edge of a ravine, where he would get a good shot at it. Brown started with the Bhil, then remembered his wife and children and went back to the scaffolding. The old Bhil, Lungiya's uncle, disgusted, went with his bow and arrows to the edge of the ravine, and wounded the panther, which charged and, seizing him by the back, shook him as a dog would shake a woodchuck. He was brought in to me in a horrible condition, just at the beginning of the rains. I had only my little place, 32′ x 16′, and had, counting him, eleven families represented. Infection set in. I lacked drugs, and the stench was fearful, but after weeks Lungiya's uncle began to pull through. The first break is always difficult. Lungiya and Huribai and their son Mangtiya were baptized. That spread to a group of some twenty and Mangtiya, a trained compounder, is now perhaps the leader. He is a fine lad and doing good work. At the disruption all the agents being taken from Jobat, we had to spare him for the hospital there. He is there still. Then there was the Bhajali group of sixteen, the Jimal group of twenty-three, and the Sardi group Naku of fifty-six.

Group after group followed, all eager to win their fellows. (*a*) Guman was emboldened to take his stand by a glass of spirits (not our suggestion), and became the very best soul-winner. (*b*) Big Patliya, wanting to be a Christian, yet shy, ran to the jungle, but they got him. As he voluntarily stood up in church he trembled and sweated with excitement. He became a leading elder. (*c*) The Bina group. Guman, threatened by the drawn bow and steel-pointed arrow in the hands of the angry witch doctor, Ap Singh, threw his strong, loving arms around both man and weapons saying, ''Shoot me after, but I shall hold you now and tell you this best news. The Great God loves us Bhils.'' Courageously Guman held, spoke, and conquered, and three families began the Bina group. (*d*) Another clan group followed, Ghurko and his relatives. Ps. 68: 6— ''God setteth the solitary in families; He bringeth out those which are bound with chains.''

To develop and continue the group or mass movement self-support is a *sine qua non*. From the beginning of the work in Amkhut, having seen the evils of the ''foreign paid agent'' system in our first eight years at Ujjain, we stood against that, and in 1902, at our request, the Mission Council decided that so far as the Bhil work was concerned no Bhil preacher, teacher, catechist, or Bible Reader should be paid from Foreign Mission funds. That meant very low salaries for such. Under that system the Amkhut congregation supported twenty-four of its members as Gospel agents. Two breaks occurred in this policy that hindered the group movement. First, while we were on furlough in 1918 the old Mission Council reversed its action so far as to allow Mendha, which had been an outstation of Amkhut, to become a main station with permission to employ Bhil agents to be paid from Canadian Foreign Mission funds. This also became the practice in other stations outside of Amkhut. Then in 1928-29, while we were again on furlough, the new, inexperienced missionaries, seeing what seemed to them such pitiably small salaries, doubled, trebled, and quadrupled the salaries. All missionaries now see this was a mistake and are reducing salaries as fast as possible. Miss Robson, followed by Miss Williamson, stood fast to the old rates among the women of Amkhut and that is a lever towards the difficult job of reducing. Involution is easy, devolution is hard, *i.e.*, going up easy, going down hard.

There was, too, the scarcity of agents in Amkhut station, because of those removed from there to supply other stations. The ''Church Union'', as it was called, was a terrible disruption for Bhil land. All the agents state that they were officially told that there would be no Presbyterian Mission, so that the agents of three out of four of the mission stations were signed up and removed. Amkhut then had to be terribly weakened to supply the other three stations with any help at all. That, and the increase in the pay of agents, for a few years sadly paralyzed the group movement. Agents went north. Now they and others are helping to bring a greater movement south amongst us. ''God meant it for good.''

To withstand the opposition which has developed in these times we must have strong groups. One individual, however bright his testimony, is weak if he is isolated and cut off from his fellows. It is best to keep him in his own village and community, write down the names of his relatives and friends, teach him and encourage him to go after and win them all to the life in Christ, and when the whole group is won, baptize them, and they will stand. Native state petty officers may force a few families out of a village, but to drive a whole village out would be to so reduce revenue that the officer would lose his own job.

We learn by our mistakes. At Sardi where Naku was working with me in a recent movement, seven families coming out in the village of Palaskua were too small a group to hold out. While their grain was falling down to the ground, three heads of families were made to come and sit at the court-house. They had to wait there for trial and were put off week after week, and then others were brought. They all had to leave the village and have been scattered abroad, two going back into caste. We should not have received them till we got practically the whole group, in this case a village. We have to be ''wise as serpents'' as well as ''harmless as doves''.

Sailana State is to-day a Bhil Christian nation. Forty-eight years ago, with Dr. Campbell as senior missionary, I visited Sailana State. At a ''Durbar'' with the Rajah at the head, Dr. Campbell very faithfully presented the Gospel to the Rajah and all the officials assembled. Since that time not only Dr. Campbell and his Christian agents but other missionaries—Rev. F. J. Anderson, Dr. Waters, Mr. Smillie, Mr. Grant, Mr. H. H. Smith, all in that northern area, and for the last three or four years Dr. F. H. Russell, have immensely helped to bring that whole Bhil State to become Christian. As among the children of Israel, there have been in Sailana and in Jhabua three things leading to this result: a tyrannical Pharaoh; depression and crop failure; and the aggressive presentation by missionaries and such agents as Rev. Prema Joseph (himself a Bhil) of the love of God in a personal Redeemer.

The Bhil group movement, practically a village, state and race movement, has been so remarkable that the National Christian Council urged, and we energetically supported, a movement that has now after four meetings been organized into a Bhil Christian Council, the secretary being Rev. F. H. Russell and the chairman our own Mr. Young. This is a union in the spirit of our Lord's Prayer, ''that they may be one''—Presbyterian, United Church, English Church, Methodist Church, Church of Scotland, Irish Presbyterian, Brethren—seven missions, with diverse creeds, but all one in the Gospel of Christ, each working in its own area, but all uniting as one great army to help one another by evangelism, the training of Bhil agents, and loaning helpers to lead this prepared Bhil people as a whole into the Kingdom of God. Village by village, Patel and all his people as one man are moving into the Christian fold.

From Amkhut, when I had that Jhabua area in charge, Padre Daniel, Apji and Dityo Ramdo were in the thick of the fight along the new Jhabua and Sirdarpur road. In our own mission, too, a lot of our young fellows have been taught to read and been trained in the Word of God. A revival amongst the Christians in all our stations swept through young and old in March last. Mr. Wood, mighty in word and in the spirit of the Evangel, has been especially appointed in connection with this movement. News just to hand tells of a movement under Mr. Young at Warjhar and at Barwani among the Megwals under Mr. Toombs.

The refreshing is coming. Let it come from the north, but let us accept it and thank God. It is the day of God's visitation to the people and dare not be trifled with. ''There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune.'' While the Visitation Day lasts, God's army must carry on. Victory demands that we do not give the alert enemy time to entrench or wall off, as a separate caste, the Christian from the non-Christian, or, to change the figure, time to sow tares in the field.

✓There is perhaps no such other opportunity in all India. On the plains of India, out of twenty castes in a district, one caste moves and the others look coldly on. In the Bhil country the people are one and so we may, by God's Grace, see in our day a Christian nation in the heart of India.

I was never set on seeing the Bhils Presbyterian, though I think the doctrine of the Perseverance of the Saints and the Shorter Catechism are specially suited to mountaineers, but it is well worth a disruption and a scattering to see, under whatever denomination they come, the Bhil hosts one in their loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ. Again and again, blocked among the Bhil mountains, we did not retreat but waited, and always the way has opened up. ''Wait on the Lord. Wait, I say, on the Lord and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.'' The Kingdom is coming in the Bhil land and so from our Pisgah we see it and rejoice. ✓

Paul and his family.

"There are a few recent cases of whom you might like to hear. One was Paul, a young man who worked for us, and who seemed near the Kingdom. He has come out straight, and we have received word that he is going with others to the surrounding villages to give his testimony. Two patients whom we left in the hospital when we came to the hills have also confessed their faith in Christ."—From a letter from Dr. W. R. Quinn, Jobat, India.

He Lives

I have seen the Lord—
Working through the fingers
Of consecrated surgeon
And devoted nurse.

I have heard the Lord—
Speaking through the voices
Of converted pundit
And despised outcaste.

I have met the Lord—
Through the simple prayers
Offered up by women
Who cannot read, nor write.

By these signs I know—
That the Lord is living,
And because He lives,
We, too, shall live!

—Ruth Parker, India, in *Women and Missions.*

The Awakening in India

From a letter from the Rev. F. Whittaker, new Secretary for Evangelism and Mass Movements of the National Christian Council of India.

THE Mass Movement in Hyderabad steadily grows in strength and volume: over 9,000 baptisms last year, 30 or more new villages entered, a new movement among caste villagers beginning near Medak in places with which I have been associated for the past fifteen years (I was privileged to have a part in the baptism of the first 60 people from the new communities), and all sorts of new plans being formulated. One thing which consoles the missionary retiring from Hyderabad is the growth of indigenous leadership. This was illustrated by the fact that Indian fellow-workers took over practically all the work for which I had been responsible. The oversight of District Village School work, which had been one of my most important duties during the last three years, is now being undertaken by an old student of mine, a young promising Indian minister, who is a B.D. of Serampore. . . .

If there was any lingering doubt in our minds about the urgency and need for our new job (as Secretary for Evangelism and Mass Movements) it was dispelled as soon as I began to take up the duties awaiting me. There were calls for help and service from Western India, from Bengal, from Madras, from Central India and elsewhere. . . . I have been present at consultations with individuals and small groups of Christian workers and taken part in the general staff work of the National Christian Council. We have been concerned with the nation-wide activities of the Christian Church in this land, not only with Evangelism but with Education, Medical work, Literature and—most pressing of all this year—preparation for the World Conference of the International Missionary Council to be held in Madras next December. . . .

In the Marathi-speaking part of India and in Bengal there exists among Christian leaders a great concern amounting, in some cases, almost to a feeling of desperation regarding the comparative poverty of the results of long years of effort. This feeling has been intensified, if not engendered, by the reports of Bishop Pickett and others regarding the rapid growth of a living Church in many other parts of India where mass movements toward Christianity are taking place. The leaders of Maharashtra and of Bengal are asking, ''Why are such movements not taking place in our areas?'' ''Is there anything wrong with us, with our message, with our methods?'' At the same time there is a growing realization of the existence of opportunities and a responsive attitude in many communities such as have never existed before. The question is being asked, ''What must we do in order that these doors may be widely opened and entered when open?'' There is an almost pathetic eagerness to hear every scrap of information that can be given regarding the beginning and development of successful movements which are producing a strong and progressive Church. . . .

A spirit of unrest and enquiry is very evident at present among the Mahars—a section of the depressed classes (most of them Marathi-speaking) to which Dr. Ambedkar belongs. There is no doubt that his influence is very strong among them. A great majority of them are ready to follow his lead. Many have already renounced Hinduism and given up idol worship. Some have recently been received into the Christian Church, others have been enrolled as ''enquirers under instruction for baptism''. Many more, not yet enrolled, are looking to Christianity; they often say, ''We are waiting for the word of our leader.'' A personal interview with Dr. Ambedkar has confirmed the impression that he also is strongly attracted to Christianity as the only religion which offers an adequate hope of emancipation for his people. There are, however, difficulties in his way which make it impossible to state what the ultimate outcome of his revolt from Hinduism will be. The question which is constantly exercising my mind is this: ''If the Mahars (some three millions or more in number) turn to Christ for salvation will the Church be ready to lead them to Him?''

The embarrassing situation which might easily confront the Church is already foreshadowed in some parts of India. In the Madras district a new movement among ''untouchables'' in certain villages is already taxing the resources of the well established Mission of the Methodist Church. I am to take part, in August, in a Commission which is to enquire into this and other questions. In Central India the emergency is even more acute. There the Bhils—aboriginal people who form a large proportion of the population—are ''on the march''. It was an awe-inspiring experience to spend four days moving from village to village where the whole countryside is undergoing an amazing spiritual revolution. About 30,000 of them have been baptized or enrolled as catechumens during the past three years by the United Church of Canada Mission, which is at the same time faced with new opportunities and increasing accessions among the Balahis and other depressed class communities. Some hard thinking and new and far-reaching planning will have to be undertaken, possibly involving a new use and distribution of available resources, if the Church is not to fail in her duty at this ''tide in the affairs of men'' and communities.

I think it is true to say that the Church in India is more awake than ever before to the need for new resources to divine wisdom and power at this hour of India's destiny. We are at present in a hill station largely populated by missionaries on holiday. There are manifest among them all evidences of an intense spiritual desire and a deep sense of expectation and waiting on God such as I personally have never met before. There are new difficulties and obstacles to Christian work created by the passing of the reins of government into the hands of non-Christians and there is much to daunt the faint-hearted. But I believe that faith, rather than fear, is the prevailing note on this hilltop and a confidence that once again man's extremity will prove to be God's opportunity. But we are very conscious of the need for all your co-operation and prayers.

Women's Part in Indian Mass Movements

From an article by MRS. D. G. M. LEITH *in the "International Review of Missions"*

WHILST to-day mass movements are beginning to capture the imagination of those who have never before caught the vision of a world-wide kingdom of God, and are taxing the resources of the Church at home and overseas for both men and money, there is danger lest one factor in this movement should be under-estimated. From the beginning of the modern missionary enterprise it was recognized that Indian women could never be reached by ordinary methods of preaching and teaching, but that a separate approach and a specialized technique in work for women was necessary, because of the strict codes of custom and convention which have held them in bondage for centuries. Even though the progress of women in India has been so remarkable in this century, unwritten laws still restrict their freedom. Strange though it may seem, inhibitions, similar in spirit if not in letter, govern the life of women even of the lowest outcaste communities, and inferiority and subjection are generally accepted by them as their destiny. Unquestioning acquiescence characterizes the attitude of women to their men-folk and to this is allied a deep religious sense. In every grade of society it is the women who most faithfully perform the daily religious ceremonies and who cling most tenaciously to the special rites associated with life and death, with health and sickness.

All these facts have their peculiar significance in relation to mass movements and cannot be ignored. When new groups seek teaching and baptism the aim is to prepare them not only for a corporate allegiance to Jesus Christ, but for a personal, individual acceptance of Him. Unless special care is taken at an early stage, what is no more than dutiful acquiescence by women in a choice made by their husbands may readily be mistaken for a personal acceptance of the new faith. It is not easy to prevent this, for even in outcaste groups a satisfactory approach to women cannot be made by men. This is borne out by the fact that many an Indian minister, conscious that in his spiritual ministry his approach must be confined to the men of the villages, has implored again and again that more might be done for the women of his congregations. It is difficult even for women to get into real touch with them and much patient tact is needed.

There is the further danger lest, in dread of evil spirits whose power has been so long undisputed, the women of these young Christian communities may cherish in secret the practice of heathen rites and superstition and may hand them on to their children. Unless there is careful supervision and instruction of the women, this is all too likely to happen, and stagnation, not growth in Christian discipleship, will befall the whole community. One is inclined to suspect that some of the failure of earlier mass movements might be traced to this cause.

It is for these reasons that the need for more women workers in the mass movement areas becomes so pressing. The worth to the Christian Church of the splendid service, so remarkable for its adaptability and resource, which is being done by women cannot be measured, but there are still large areas where much more needs to be done. The inspiration which prompted the training of the wives of village catechists and teachers has been abundantly justified and has been copied wherever mass movements are taking place. In almost every large congregation it is possible, at a glance, to judge from the appearance and responsiveness of the different groups of women in which village the teacher has a trained wife. Sent out to some distant village, cut off from friendship and spiritual fellowship other than they can have together, surrounded by the degradation of heathenism, exposed to slander and scorn, in times of epidemic dependent upon their own slender knowledge with no skilled aid at hand, these men and their wives carry on a brave and devoted ministry, and upon them in the last resort depends the success or failure of this village work. The woman's part calls for even greater courage and endurance, for she has little or no occasion, such as her husband has, for leaving the village and must often be left in loneliness and dread of unknown disaster which strikes so swiftly in the East. Many a story can be told of the gracious ministry which these simple women are exercising and of the veritable transformation being wrought by them in the life and behaviour of numerous villages. With such possibilities before them, everything should be done to give these girls before marriage the training that will best help them in their work in the villages.

Just as catechists and teachers need supervising pastors or ministers to oversee their work and to bring them courage and inspiration, so their wives need similar help. It is generally impossible for young unmarried Indian women to do this work alone and, consequently, there are as yet all too few educated women exercising such a ministry. There are many difficulties which discourage such women from undertaking evangelistic work; prejudice has to be overcome, considerations of age or widowhood must be respected, whilst education is too often prized by parents not as a preparation for service but as a family investment, not to be wasted upon anything so unremunerative and insecure as evangelistic work. In some parts a solution of the difficulty has been sought by an appeal to teachers of ten or fifteen years' standing to give themselves to direct evangelistic work. . . .

Dependence, of course, cannot be placed solely on workers receiving support, and the splendid voluntary service of the women of the older established churches deserves special mention. They are eager to take a more active share in the patient nurture of the women of the mass movements, but leaders are needed to maintain their enthusiasm and to train them in deeper knowledge of the Christian message and also in methods of evangelism.

If, therefore, the women of the mass movements are to have adequate Christian teaching, if the wives of catechists and teachers are to have inspiration and enrichment, if women of the Church are to be encouraged in voluntary service, we are driven to the conclusion that until more young Indian women are available as leaders, more European missionaries must be set apart for this work, women who are adaptable and mobile and free from institutional responsibility. Mobility is important, because the need is for missionaries not so much to do the work of evangelism themselves as to inspire and train others to service. Summer schools, retreats for the wives of evangelists and for women of the Church, conventions for village Christians and every other method will call for freedom of movement and a time-table which allows of variety and experiment. One missionary, for example, who was recently appointed to take charge of women's work of this type in an area with a population of 500,000 and a newly baptized community of 20,000 scattered in 382 villages, has been furnished with a caravan so that she may move from centre to centre, for she is the only worker among women in an area of which six ministers are in charge.

There are few who do not recognize the need for more women for work of this nature, but most missionary societies cannot increase their staff of missionaries and the Indian Church cannot find the support of more workers, however eager they may be that this work should be undertaken. This urgent need of the mass movements cannot be looked at apart from its relation to other activities. . . . A touring missionary's work among mass movement villages requires mobility but, if continuity is not also assured, it is impossible to know conditions and to hold the confidence of the people, both of which are essential to successful work.

The contribution of boarding and high schools and of medical work to evangelism and to the growth of the Christian Church has been incomparably great, and as training centres for the future leaders of the Church these are indispensable. There can be no thought of lowering the excellent standard of mission schools nor of reducing training for leadership. Conditions are, however, changing and are likely to change more. To-day mission schools have no longer a monopoly of girls' education, and freedom and facilities for travel are greatly improved. There has been a marked advance in the medical service provided by government and local authorities. The health of the community is ultimately their responsibility and our hospitals should not relieve government of this, even when we know that a mission hospital has what no government medical service can ever give. But the outstanding fact in this generation, of which account must be taken, is that of the mass movements not only in India but also in Africa and China. Humanly speaking, the resources of missionary societies and of the Churches of these lands are utterly inadequate to supply the workers needed to shepherd the Christians who have already been gathered into the Church and those who are still pressing in. Such a situation compels the review of the work of every society, but especially that of schools and hospitals, the growth of which has been so marked in the last half-century. . . . Such a survey may point the way to the necessity for the amalgamation of hospitals or schools of the same church order of different denominations. Only in some such way does it seem possible to find the necessary women for the mass movement areas.

Again, devolution or handing over responsibility to the Church of the country, which has made marked progress in the last two decades chiefly in relation to the general work of the Church, has reference also to women's work. In the last few years wider duties have been undertaken by Indian members of institutional staffs, and discharged with increasing responsibility and ability, but there are as yet few places in which an Indian woman has been placed in sole and independent charge of work of which a missionary was previously superintendent. The difficulties in the way of handing over such responsibility are great, because many of them arise directly out of the social conditions which affect the life of women; but making allowance for all these, there is still need to remember that missionary efficiency does not consist so much in getting things done as in helping people to grow. . . .

In face of the surpassing opportunity and danger of the mass movements in India to-day, in which women play so vital a part, there is laid upon those who are concerned for women's work both at the "home base" and in India the responsibility of considering with open minds the relative claims of all the work to which we are already committed, in order that we may discover under the direction of the Spirit of God what larger share women must take in the mass movement work and how this may best be discharged.

All, all is His—His great arm shields
    That which is bare, and that which yields;
Lord is He of the harvest fields
    And of the barren land.

—*Jean Blewett.*

Prayer

OUR Heavenly Father, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, we humbly bow before Thee with grateful hearts acknowledging Thy many mercies bestowed upon us.

We give Thee thanks for all those whose visions have fired them with zeal to go forward in Thy service, on the home or foreign field, as doctors, nurses, missionaries, deaconesses, catechists, or Biblewomen. However great or humble be their station, wilt Thou bless them all and give to each wisdom, strength and courage according to her need to carry on the task undertaken. We would ask, too, for Thy blessing on those who, through their witness, have come to know Thee as the one true God and Father of all. May their witness for love and peace be so strong that nations will turn from war and bloodshed to goodwill and fellowship.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Father, that the work of our Women's Missionary Society may continue, that through our efforts those who are able may go to spread the Good Tidings at home and abroad. Be with the leaders of each part of the organization from the smallest to the greatest. Endue each with Thy Holy Spirit, that every undertaking may be to Thy honour and glory.

We pray for the rulers of our Empire and Dominion, that they may be guided by Thee in all they do.

O Father, we commend unto Thee all whom we name in our hearts and all for whom we should pray, committing them to Thy protecting care.

Now as we further wait upon Thee we pray for Thy presence with us and for Thy forgiveness of our sins. In the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour we pray. Amen.

From prayer that asks that I may be
Sheltered from winds that beat on Thee,
From fearing when I should aspire,
From faltering when I should climb higher.
From silken self, O Captain, free
Thy soldier who would follow Thee.

—*Amy Carmichael.*

Summer Camps in the West

CAMP was held on the same lovely spot as last year, on the grounds of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Young by the Burnt River.

In some respects it was the best ever held, thanks to the Women's Missionary Society who provided us with two good tents. Other years rain had soaked clothes and bedding and made things a little uncomfortable for a few days. This year, though we had the usual showers, all were quite comfortable in the tents and it was no hardship to have some meals in them. We had a table, too, which was a great improvement over having our cover spread on the ground and squatting round it.

The Wanham friend who for two years looked after our meals was unable to be with us, but thanks again to the Women's Missionary Society, that had given us some money, we were able to have someone, so that I was relieved of that responsibility and we certainly did justice to the good meals she set before us. As usual the girls brought their food and there was no charge. We had a missionary from Manchuria with us for three days. Miss Peacock, a friend of mine, working under the Baptist Board had been in contact with Dr. and Mrs. Goforth when they were there and knew also Mr. and Mrs. Reoch. As she was able to tell us quite a lot about our work there, our mission study was on Manchuria. How interested the girls were as a real missionary from China, dressed in Chinese costume, told them of customs there, of men and women and boys and girls brought to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, of idols discarded, of persecution because they were willing to stand up for Him, of Chinese girls who tried to win others for Him! Our girls' hearts were touched and one little girl said, ''My, I wish I could go to China!'' We pray that God will water the seed sown and that some will hear His call to labour in that needy land.

We were rather disappointed in numbers—just fourteen full-time campers and three part-time. Harvest was early this year and the girls were needed at home to herd cattle and do other chores. The two from Blueberry Mountain who enjoyed camp so much last year and were coming with others this year could not get away. We had only three from Prestville, four from Belloy (23 miles) and seven from Wanham (15 miles). The two youngest, seven and eight years old, were voted the best campers. The camp motto was J. O. Y. Jesus first, Others next, Yourself last. The whistle blew at 7 a.m., and invariably the juniors were first up, first at the river to wash, first to answer morning watch call at seven-thirty. Our morning watch theme was the Glory of God and Psalms 19, 121, 29, 8, 104 were chosen. The older girls went off by themselves to meditate and pray, while the younger ones and I took it together. How near we can come to God, as we study His Word in the beauty of the early morning and in His great out-of-doors! At eight we had breakfast, after singing our grace. At the close, favourite choruses were sung, a ''roll'' from Golden Grain promise box was read by each one and the Lord's Prayer repeated. ''To your tents, O Israel'', was next, to tidy and put in order for the day. Tent inspection came later and it was a problem to decide which tent should win the prize; however, preference was given to the younger ones. Scripture calendars had been sent us and one was given to each camper. From nine-thirty to ten-fifteen was our Bible study period: God's Call to Abraham, Moses, Samuel, Isaiah, Joshua and to Us. At the close the stories were written in their note-books. After fifteen minutes' intermission came our mission study. By noon we were all ready for dinner. Rest period from one to two meant time to read or learn memory work and then all were ready for a swim in the river. From four-thirty to five o'clock was given to learning the books of the Bible in verse. One day in rest hour we heard the little ones singing ''Auld Lang Syne'', but as we listened we found the words were ''In Genesis the world was made by God's Almighty Hand'', and so on. Two of them had devised this scheme as a way to fix the words in their minds. After supper at five-thirty chores were done—water brought up and wood for the bonfire; then usually there was time for a ball game. The hour from eight to nine we all enjoyed round the bonfire. Choruses were sung and some very impressive talks given by Miss Peacock. She had her blackboard and with coloured flannelette would depict the Good Shepherd, the Vine and Branches, and others. These lessons with their appeal through ear and eye-gate brought the truths of salvation, surrender and service before the girls in a very real way. Then, circling round the fire with the sparks flying upwards, we sang ''Day is dying in the West'', and as a prayer the first verse of ''Abide with me'', followed by a brief prayer committing ourselves to the care of our Heavenly Father. Usually a few cookies or a special treat such as toasted marshmallows, peanuts or candies brought the day to a close and all were ready for bed.

One special day there was a trip to Prestville Church to a Chinese Exhibit. Miss Peacock and two girls had decorated the walls with pictures of China, Chinese gods, and scrolls of various kinds, while on tables were little shoes, boats, articles of clothing, embroidery, etc. Miss Peacock explained the various articles.

Sunday the 14th was also a special day, the first anniversary of the opening of our church at Prestville. Services were conducted by Rev. J. M. Fraser of Brownvale morning and evening. The campers attended both services, singing ''Come to the Saviour'' in the morning and ''Day is dying in the West'' in the evening.

We know that the six days spent in God's great out-of-doors, studying His Word, singing His praise, having fellowship with our Lord and one another has meant something to each girl and drawn each one closer to Him.

Is camp worth while? one may ask. Assuredly it is for it brings us all into closer touch with the great Creator and Saviour and we leave results with Him.

—Margaret Grigor, Prestville, Alberta.

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The great interest of the summer was our camp which was held from July 19 to 29. It was rather a new venture this year for instead of conducting two camps, one for girls and one for boys, we combined them and had a young people's camp. It was a grand ten days. There were sixty in camp, including the nine leaders and two cooks. As in former years we were joined by the United Church in Berwyn. Rev. A. MacSween made the hundred-mile trip from Wanham to help with the camp, bringing with him six boys from his field.

The day's programme was full, from rising bell at seven until lights out at half-past ten. Chapel service was held each morning after breakfast, in a lovely little natural chapel. This was followed by a lecture period conducted by Mr. MacSween, on the subject, ''How We Got Our Bible'', which was very helpful to all as a background and foundation for our Bible study. The camp was divided into four groups for Bible study each morning; and we studied St. Mark's Gospel. The remainder of the morning was taken up with various lectures, on agriculture, health, life-saving, swimming instruction, and a swimming period. Great interest was shown in the handcraft groups. The boys showed some fine workmanship in making book-ends, tie-racks, and bread boards while the girls did equally well with wool mats, covered coat hangers, and pictures. After the afternoon swimming period, forty-five minutes each day was devoted to mission study. The camp-fire each evening was a fitting close to a busy day. The programmes, which were prepared and presented by groups of campers, and the camp paper, revealed real talent among our campers. The closing day of camp was our Sports' Day. The regular camp programme was followed in the morning, but in the afternoon there were various races on land and in water, jumping, and other contests and the final baseball game. The weather was ideal throughout the ten days. On Sunday afternoon we had an outdoor service with an attendance of about three hundred. The congregational singing was led by a choir of campers, and accompanied by the Berwyn band. The Anglican minister from Berwyn preached the sermon and the service was conducted by the members of the camp faculty. Almost every denomination was represented at camp. Some of the campers had been there in previous years, but for many camp was a new experience. Both old and new agreed that it was a wonderful ten days, and we heard many wish it would last a month.

—Gertrude Rollo, Brownvale, Alberta.

Our camp this year proved very successful. Having more leadership the girls had more opportunity to enjoy camp to the full. Bible study, camp craft, and books and reading were conducted in groups, so that the leaders came into more personal touch with the girls. Distance proved a real problem, but the girls earned enough money to supply a truck to convey everyone, as well as the supplies, 130 miles to the camp site. A member of the Presbyterian Church in North Battleford kindly gave his cottage at Meota Beach for the week. Each evening before the camp-fire special activities were planned by the executive of the camp. The evening which was most successful we pretended we were the Women's Missionary Society Council Executive, meeting on Tuesday morning. Reports from missionaries were read and two letters asking assistance were discussed very freely by the Executive. One important item of business was the announcement that $5,000 had been given to the Women's Missionary Society for use in one field in Canada. Three girls impersonating home missionaries told of their work and how much more they could accomplish with more funds. This matter was later discussed by the Executive and the meeting adjourned.

—Mabel Booth, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

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During the month of July two ''ten-day camps'' were held at Lumsden Beach. This year girls from First Presbyterian Church and Northside Church attended as well as girls from Eastview. The camps were both small as a number of girls dropped out at the last minute. At the Junior camp there were eight girls and at the Senior camp five. We had a cook and a swimming instructor and I took charge of the lectures and interest groups. It is rather soon to judge the results, but I feel that some seeds were sown that will bear fruit in the future.

—Helen Ross, Regina, Saskatchewan.

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In July my time was given entirely to the Vacation School at Central Church and to the girls' camp at Keats' Island. The Vacation Bible School was delightful work. I think we all enjoyed every minute of it. We had a small attendance at camp this year, but the programme was splendidly carried through. The atmosphere of the camp was happy and of a distinctly high tone. It was quite a delight to us to see that the girls recognized it as a Church camp and felt that the standard should be in keeping with what that implied. We were greatly blessed in having Miss Pauline Esler and Miss Jessie Shea as leaders. Our other leader, who was in charge of the water sports and first aid, had been one of the senior campers last year.

We are holding our camp reunion to-morrow and this week the leaders and I have been busy getting the Camp Chronicle typed and into booklets for each of the girls. It is always fun, too, to see the result of the dozens of snapshots that are taken at camp.

—Shirley Scott, Vancouver, British Columbia.

During the winter and spring the members of our girls' group were busy with concerts and amateur programmes, trying to raise funds for a camp. Their dream was realized, for in July we spent six days beside a stream near Macleod. It was quite an experience for us all. As there were no camp facilities, we had to live in tents, cook our food over a crudely made fire-place which the girls built, and eat our meals sitting on blankets. Our first night in camp we had a severe electric storm, but for the rest of the time the weather was ideal. Our drinking water and milk were brought from a farm each night, but sometimes our supply of water was not sufficient and then we had to wade across the stream and walk about half a mile to the nearest farm. One evening the Young People's Society of Granum visited us. Each group contributed some numbers to the programme and Mr. Milroy, the student minister, gave a splendid address. We are hoping for a bigger and better camp next year.

In July the Presbytery of Red Deer camp was held at Sylvan Lake. There were thirty-one girls and we did have such a happy time together. I appreciated very much the assistance given by the different ministers of the Presbytery, especially that of Rev. R. Sinclair of Sylvan Lake who was registrar and business manager as well as one of the lecturers.

—Frieda Matthews, Shaughnessy, Alberta.

A Little Canticle

When I behold the limpid light,
Blessed be God who gave me sight.

When a bird's song enchants my ear,
Blessed be God who made me hear.

When I walk with golden trees,
Blessed be God for strength and ease.

When parching thirst my throat doth sear,
Blessed be God for water clear.

When the wild clamorous tempests come,
Blessed be God for my safe home.

When in my books I have delight,
Blessed be God for those who write.

When friends their kindly feeling prove,
Blessed be God who gave me love.

And may they ever blessed be
Through whom my God hath blessed me.

—Kathleen Lee, in the London *Sunday Times*

"The Day Thou Gavest"

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

March 4th, 1938 – February 24th, 1939

By Mrs. G. Ernest Forbes

FOR one day each year women "hold the world together" by prayer. More than that, they create a day that stretches its length to forty hours, from the rising of the sun in New Zealand, where the women have a sunrise prayer meeting long before our dawn appears, through the morning and afternoon hours in cities, towns and hamlets around the world, as new groups continue to join in praise and prayer, until the day ends in ice and snow at Gambell on St. Lawrence Island, off the coast of Alaska, thirty miles from the Arctic Circle, where Ann Bannon, the American missionary, gathers her Eskimo women together and holds the closing prayer service, in spite of the fact that, as far as the outside world is concerned, she is "frozen in" from October to May.

Prayer transcends the boundaries of nation and race, of time and temperature, and we are all one as we join the great fellowship of Intercession and pray unitedly to *Our* Father God.

As we came together on March 4th, 1938, it was with the thought that in many areas of our world-wide Christian fellowship there was strife and hatred and the bitterness and suffering of war. It is interesting, then, to read the report of the World Day of Prayer from West China. "I am sure you will be glad to know that there was a greatly marked increase in interest and in numbers attending the Day of Prayer meetings this year. Although because of adverse exchange the offering does not show any increase, it was actually several dollars larger in Chinese currency, and the numbers attending the meeting here in Chengtu were really remarkably large for a prayer service. Services were held also in three small places which have not before joined in the observance of this day. So that I feel greatly encouraged in endeavouring to further this work of joining together with women all over the world in a chain of prayer.

"The above record is the more valuable in that as far as China is concerned at this particular time very naturally efforts are so concentrated on the terrible sufferings caused by the war and the necessity of aiding in all war relief efforts that other matters have to take second place. It is, however, very noticeable, also, that a more earnest waiting upon God and seeking to know His will is emerging from all this distress; we do pray that, in and through all, Chinese and missionaries alike may know how to make the most lasting contribution to the building of the Kingdom of God in this suffering land."

So strange the Japanese programmes seem to us, with their fine printed characters crowded together on a small sheet, translated and distributed by the National Christian Council of Japan, and carrying with them the message of fellowship and prayer. When they arrived in Formosa they were sent out with personal letters to the pastors' wives. Union meetings were held in several centres, ''the women in many cases walking long distances to be present, and singing on their return journey with hearts full of happiness and gratitude to God'', one missionary tells us.

From Jobat, India, comes this cheering message: ''We were very happy that we could join with all the other women of the world who met together for prayer on March 4th. It was a new development for us as we had never had the programmes in Hindi before. We were determined to join with all our sisters the world over this year, so we sent our order for the programmes very early. All the Christian women assembled in the church at five o'clock in the evening and we all prayed with one heart and mind, and followed the Hindi programme led by Salomi Bai. To close we sang 'Sweet Saviour, bless us ere we go'; our group was dismissed, but not our mind of prayer.''

The *Missionary Chronicle* of Australia reports ''increase in the number of meetings held, in interest and attendance. All speak of a time of uplift and inspiration, and a sense of world fellowship.'' ''Whether, with the light streaming through the stained glass windows of a beautiful church, or where the two or three were gathered together, or in the room of an invalid, there was the Presence of Christ in the midst.''

Many interesting letters have come from Africa where races and creeds were forgotten, where the meetings went on all day long, the Churches in some places always having a prayer group present from ten in the morning until five in the afternoon, all a part of the golden chain of prayer that binds us to one another and to God.

Here is one African picture: ''They met together in a tiny church, daubed with mud and roofed with straw, through which patches of blue sky could be clearly seen. There was no organ, no stained glass windows. In fact there were no windows at all, for the whole was open. They met together to pray for the whole world, they who had never seen a boat or train or an aeroplane, who had never travelled more than a few miles from home and that on bare, weary brown feet. They sat on the floor, in the scorching heat of mid-afternoon near the equator, and through the medium of prayer they became world citizens.'' The marvel of it!

Very different to this in its setting and environment, but alike in the spirit of devotion of its women, was the great service held in Riverside Church, New York. One who was there says: ''It was a really beautiful setting, lovely bright room, red carpet, comfortable chairs, spring flowers, suitable quiet music, plenty of programmes all distributed before the women arrived. The leader and those who took part were internationally known women in Church circles; one had just returned from a visit of mission fields around the world and spoke briefly of the influence of Christianity on the lives of women in other lands. There was much prayer, silent and audible, and altogether it was a most uplifting service, so carefully prepared and carried out, with such an impressive and reverent atmosphere, and must have brought blessing to many who were there.''

From England one report says, ''Next year we shall have to book a larger Hall. We were overcrowded.'' Another says, ''All sections of the Christian Church were represented.'' Still another writes, ''My faith rose to a meagre thirty; chairs were arranged for fifty, and over one hundred and fifty came. We had a real spiritual uplift.''

From the Atlantic to the Pacific in our Dominion, women gladly joined in this Fellowship of Intercession, and because there is so much of the world in Canada there were many gatherings truly international in character. There was the service at the Church of All Nations where the Leaders' parts were read by national representatives in English, Hungarian and Ukrainian; the prayers were also in several languages, and each sang the same hymn on the programme in her own way and tongue; but there was unity throughout, a unity of spirit and purpose and worship.

Down where the Atlantic washes the shores of Cape Breton in Highland Scotch settlements the Day of Prayer was devoutly observed, and the most fervent and inspiring prayers were those offered so eloquently in the Gaelic tongue. Away on the western coast, Japanese and Chinese women met together with their Canadian sisters and joined in the prayer that ''we all may be one in our services for Jesus Christ''.

On the Indian Reserves groups, young and old, met for prayer. One report from the prairies says, ''Roman Catholic, Anglican, Greek Orthodox, Ukrainian Churches were represented.'' Another writes, ''Members of eleven denominations came together for the Day of Prayer.'' From the far Northland of the Yukon and from Newfoundland in the East came reports of ''awakened interest in this wonderful movement in which our women joined so happily''.

These are some of the thrilling reports that come to the Inter-Board Committee of the Women's Missionary Societies of Canada, telling of the inspiration and help received from the observance of the World Day of Prayer. This year there has been an increase of two hundred in the number of groups holding the service, and of approximately five hundred dollars in the amount of offerings received, the total amount being $7,022.00. These voluntary offerings are used each year mainly for the publication and distribution of Christian literature for women and children, always a fascinating appeal, and to help other general causes such as the Canadian School of Missions, the British and Foreign Bible Society, and similar objects.

As we read the list of allocations for the present year, we have presented to our fancy a ''Christian Literature Map of the World'', and we are thrilled to realize that by our offerings we are able to help make this map a reality. We hear a child in Japan singing a sweet song from her Sunday School magazine; we see a mother in China bending over a Bible as she reads to her children; we watch the teachers and evangelists in Africa being supplied with books and tracts for their work; we go into the drab homes in India and see on the walls the beautiful picture of the Good Shepherd instead of a hideous idol. These and many other avenues of service are made possible through the offerings on the World Day of Prayer.

The following is the list of allocations for 1938:

Christian Literature Society, Shanghai	$600.00
Christian Literature Society, Japan, for ''Little Children of Light''	250.00
National Christian Council of Japan, ''Kingdom of God Weekly''	250.00
Christian Literature of Korea	250.00
Christian Literature Committee for Women and Children	600.00
Moslem Christian Literature	200.00
African Christian Literature	700.00
India—Christian Literature, Mass Movement Literature and Literacy Campaign	600.00
Jewish Christian Literature Committee, New York	700.00
Vellore Medical College—Christian Literature	100.00
Canadian Mission Press, West China	100.00
Canadian School of Missions	500.00
International Leper Mission	200.00
British and Foreign Bible Society	423.00
Upper Canada Tract Society	200.00
Women's Christian Medical College, Ludhiana, Literature	100.00
Religious Education Council of Canada	200.00
Christian Literature, School for Islamics, Lahore, India	300.00
Ukrainian Christian Literature	75.00
Canadian ''Ranok''	75.00
''The Witness for the Truth'', Russian	75.00
''The Mediator'', Jewish magazine, Montreal	125.00
	$6,623.00

Publications Department

BY MARGARET NESS

STUDY BOOKS. The Girls' Department has introduced something new—a Study Kit wrapped in cellophane, containing two books, a play, Programme Trails, a leaflet, and a poster. The Kit is on China and costs 75 cents. The Mission Banders are to study a book entitled **Talks On New Ways in the King's Service**, which shows the effects modern inventions have had in missionary work. A supplement, based on our own work, is included. Price, 35 cents. The senior study book for 1939 will be announced in the November *Glad Tidings*. All Auxiliaries are urged to wait until then before planning their next year's programme.

There is a new book by Wilkinson, whose **Facing Life** (30 cents) was very popular last year. The new book is called **Followers All** (30 cents) and discusses Christian leadership.

Another popular book in a 30-cent edition is **What Is a Living Church?** in which the Church is discussed as a world-wide Church, a worshipping Church, a witnessing Church, a Church in action, a sanctified Church.

Two new books, each priced at 40 cents, have been added to our list: **The Ghost of Cæsar Walks,** discussing the conflict of nationalism and world Christianity, and **World Peace and Christian Missions.**

China Calling, by Frank Houghton, Editorial Secretary of the China Inland Mission, is well worth reading, especially in these days when interest in China is so strong (50 cents). A new short story is **Wong's Wife** (15 cents) which tells what Christianity meant in the life of a young Chinese bride.

Bargains: For the leaders of teen-age groups, we have a number of copies of assorted titles in the ''**Yarns**'' series that are still excellent for supplementary stories. As we will not be re-ordering these older books, we are reducing them to 20 cents each. Some of the titles are **Yarns of the Orient, Amiya—A Bengali Girl, Girls of India, Yarns on Heroes of the Day's Work.** As there is only a limited number of copies we will fill orders for the above stories as long as possible, and then, if so desired, substitute other titles until the small stock is exhausted.

May we remind you of our newest publication, **The Political Significance of Missions,** by the Rev. Stuart Parker, D.D.? Price, 10 cents.

Thank-offering leaflets: **A Bit of History** (2c.), **The Christian's Song of Thanksgiving** (3c.), **The Troublesome Mite-Box** (4c.), **The Moments of Her Days** (3c.), and, for girls, **Anne's Thank-offering** (4c.).

Thank-offering envelopes—100 for 35 cents; 25 for 9 cents.

New address, Ontario Literature Secretary—Mrs. Thos. Firth, 305 Main St. W., North Bay.

The Little Things

I come in the little things,
Saith the Lord:
Yea! on the gleaming wings
Of eager birds, the softly pattering feet
Of furred and gentle beasts, I come to meet
Your hard and wayward heart. In brown, bright eyes
That peep from the brake, I stand confest.
On every nest
Where feathery Patience is content to brood
And leave her pleasure for the high emprise
Of motherhood—
There doth my Godhead rest.

—*Evelyn Underhill.*

OUR LETTER BOX

Progress in Manchuria

Szepingkai, Manchuria.

WE returned to Szepingkai the middle of May after a strenuous three months of language study in Tokyo. I have a Japanese teacher here in Szepingkai and study with him two hours every morning. This, with the Japanese I had before going on furlough, is proving to be a definite help to me in the work.

The Gospel message continues to go forth in Manchuria without any hindrance. Mrs. Wu, an able Biblewoman living in Szepingkai, carried on a two-weeks' Bible class for the women last May with an average attendance of over fifty. During the first week in June there was a theatrical in a village about ten miles east of here. A number of our evangelists took advantage of the crowds attending and held special preaching services. A new chapel has been opened on the east side of the city, where preaching is carried on during the day and a Bible class in the evenings. The chapel on the west side is filled every evening for Bible Class and prayer. The equipment is all new and provided by the Christians, who gave liberally and enthusiastically. Elder Ching of Mukden, a man with the gift of prayer, held a series of special meetings here last week. I spoke twice recently to the Christians using slides of Palestine, some having been made from snapshots I took while there over a year ago. Many have said that their faith has been strengthened on seeing the confirmation of the Bible in pictures.

Szepingkai is a modern city of about 80,000. We have electric lights, running water, telephone, telegraph, good railway service, and on the west side paved streets. It is a strategic railway junction in the centre of a rich agricultural district. This was our starting-point in 1927. From the beginning we have tried to follow along the lines of the apostle Paul. He worked along the great highways through the Roman Empire. We kept along the railway lines at first, opening work in the large and strategic centres. From these the work has branched off into the country districts round about.

The first preaching in this region was carried on by Blind Chang, who was martyred in the Boxer rebellion of 1900. Most of his converts were scattered at that time, but among the group of ten or more worshippers in Szepingkai when we moved in was Dr. Chang, whose father was a convert of Blind Chang's. Dr. Chang is now an elder in the Church, a dependable man, and one who tithes. His father over eighty years of age lives with him and is out to church every Sunday and gives testimony in the chapel during the week.

Before we were able to secure a suitable property in 1927, I lived in a small Japanese house studying Chinese. In the evening I held a Bible reading class from seven to eight and then sold Gospel portions in the railway station until ten. The first convert of the work was a young man from the post-office who attended this class.

After a suitable building was secured, Dr. and Mrs. Goforth and our other helpers moved to Szepingkai and the chapel was formally opened on April 28th of that year. We carried on an aggressive campaign of evangelism, preaching all day in the chapel and holding Bible classes at night. Besides this, preaching went on among the women in the homes and a weekly meeting was held for them, as well as short-term Bible classes. We preached at weddings, funerals, in the market-place and anywhere we could gather a congregation of one or more. Tent work has been rewarded with a number of splendid converts. One of these is at present a deacon in the Szepingkai Church. He is a man of some money and is manager of a brick kiln. At the time of his conversion he was illiterate and an opium and morphine fiend. Through Christ he has been given the victory over his sins, can read the Bible, and is an excellent Christian.

Sunday Schools have been opened wherever a Church was organized. In the large centres like Szepingkai and Taonan, where we had sufficient helpers, the Sunday Schools were divided into classes from the inception of the work. For example, in Szepingkai there was a men's Bible class, a women's Bible class, and three classes for the children in the west-side chapel, and another Sunday School on the east side. Since the Christians called their own pastor in 1933, the main Sunday School, with an adult Bible class and two children's classes, has been held before Church service, with a children's class on the west side in the afternoon. With the growth of the congregation, there has been an increase in the Sunday School and last fall the two children's classes were divided into five groups. Much stress has been laid on the memorizing of the Golden Texts. The local church started a kindergarten last year. In all, considerable work for the children is being carried on.

We have given the Bible a large place in our work and the colporteur in this district sold 10,688 Gospel portions and 49 Bibles last year.

Though we should like to see greater results, there is much to be thankful for. Besides the work in Szepingkai itself, we have fifty other churches spread over a very large territory. . . .

Since the beginning of the work in Szepingkai city, 459 have been baptized. When those who have passed away and the large numbers who have moved away are taken into consideration, there are at present 239 on the roll. The population in a railway centre changes very rapidly and this accounts for so large a number having moved away. I was quite cheered to see one of these men in church lately. He was the second convert of the work, a young grain merchant who moved away shortly after his baptism ten years ago. He has just recently returned. It is heartening to know that he has remained true to the Gospel. It is also heartening to find so few have backslidden and to see that those who were weak in the faith for a time have been revived.

The Szepingkai Christians called Pastor Wang five years ago and raise his salary. He is an able man, a tireless worker and consecrated. The congregation has its own church building free of debt. Elders have been ordained and the deacons are regularly elected by the congregation. The report for 1937 shows fifty-five baptisms for the year and the whole amount contributed $1,350.00.

We hope for greater things in the future. We have an open door and many opportunities.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis have gone on furlough after almost eight years of intense and effective work in the Gospel. Many of you will be seeing them and hearing them tell more in detail of the opportunities for telling the story of salvation and of the triumphs of the Gospel.

—Allan Reoch.

Back at Work After Holidays

Jhansi, India.

I HAD a lovely time in the hills this year. I think because I was feeling so well I enjoyed my holidays better than I have since I came back from furlough. I gained about ten pounds, and am still keeping it up in spite of the heat here in Jhansi. We all seemed to gain this year. The Hawtins have been almost marooned in Isagarh; with so much rain the roads were impassable, so that they could not get in by car and we could not go out. A week ago Sunday Mr. Moti Lal asked for the car to go as far as they could with it, as they had a communion service out there, and since the Elder who could ride a bicycle was sick he had to take the other one with him. We thought they would have to walk a mile, but they managed to get within half a mile by car. Mrs. Hawtin took that opportunity of coming in to see us, but she would not stay over night. The roads are all right now.

As it is raining now it may be cooler. I hope so. I should not like to see the rain stop now, for although we are still beyond our average of rain for the season so far, we need more before the rains are over for this year.

We had a nice visit from Miss Williamson a week ago, when she brought a girl to train in the hospital here. She was looking very well, but she found the heat here very trying.

To-day is our Women's Missionary Society meeting and Miss Stringer and I are giving a little treat of ice cream and cookies. The ice cream won't be so good as what you get in Canada, but it won't be too bad and it is the best we can get; our cook will make it.

Grace Bai came back so well rested after her holiday in Kashmir that now she does not care if she ever goes away again. She is quite satisfied. There were two things in her life she wanted to do before she died: to go to a hill station and see the snows, and to see a movie. Both these wishes have been fulfilled now, because right after Miss Stringer and Mr. MacKay returned from the hills a gentleman came to the mission asking permission to show his movie pictures to the school children. Most of the pictures were educational, but there was also a comic; I think it was ''Our Gang'', or something like that. Big ones and little ones alike enjoyed the show; most of them had never seen a movie in their lives, among them Grace Bai. Now she feels satisfied; she has no more desires except in her work.

The children, too, improved during their holiday. All seem happy to be back, but they did seem to develop more in that two months. One little girl who has whooping cough we have not brought back yet. Her adopted mother is willing to keep her until September and the little girl herself is not anxious to come back; she seems very fond of her summer mother.

. . . I have just got back now from taking some boys to have their eyes examined. There is a good eye doctor at the railway hospital who is very good at helping us with our eye cases.

—*Lily A. Simpson.*

Good News of the Helen Macdonald School

Jhansi, India.

I HAVE been home from the hills now for nearly two weeks and they have been busy days. We had a pleasant holiday. I don't know that I ever spent such a lazy one. I amused myself with the birds. There were so many varieties there, many I'd not seen before. A pair of little white-eared bulbuls got quite tame and came back and forth into our tents. The scenery in Kashmir is always too beautiful to try to describe. This year it was lovelier than ever as there was so much snow on the mountains.

. . . We have the same staff of teachers back, so that everyone knew just what to do, and that was a big help in beginning school. We are proud of our sixth class girls this year. Three got distinction in arithmetic. One of our own girls, Florence Gerald, passed with first-class honours, with distinction in arithmetic. She came eighth in the whole province and will get a scholarship of eight rupees a month for four years.

Our numbers in the school have increased this year. The hostel is full to the limit. I don't think we could crowd in another bed. There are always more ready to fill up the vacancies. The primary classes are full. Class III was so big we had to make two sections. To save the expense of another teacher we sent our two Class VIII girls to study with the Class VIII boys. So far it seems to work. Still we'll have to get another part-time teacher for our kindergarten class. There are over fifty there and they are a handful for one teacher.

A number of our older girls have left this year. Three have entered the Zenana Hospital here in Jhansi for training. One has gone to Chattarpur for nurse's training and another to Indore. Three girls have gone to Agra for High School work and one to Allahabad. So each year they scatter here and there.

One of the little ones at Grace Bai's died this morning, little Shareen, the baby from Brindaban given to us. She had been in the hospital since April. Poor little thing, her whole eleven months of life have been days of sickness. It is something to know she had all the care possible during her life-time. Our other little baby is still in the hospital. She, too, is sick, one mass of boils, but the doctor thinks she will pull through. This rainy weather is hard on babies. Some of the other children are mentally not very bright, but all are strong and healthy. We have one handsome little chap, Shant-want. He was such a homely baby, all head, but now he's grown in proportion he's really a handsome child. He's bright, too.

It is clouding up for more rain. To-day is the first time we've seen the sun shine for about two weeks. It has rained day and night. I see by to-day's paper we are 8.7 inches above normal.

I must tell you how much good my holiday did me this year. I gained twelve pounds. My weight still isn't anything to boast of, being only 97 pounds, but still it's good for me. I've averaged from 85 to 88 for the last year or more. I don't think I've felt as well in a long time as I do now. Grace Bai, too, benefited by the change. It was a much needed holiday for her. She hadn't been away since 1929.

—*Irene Stringer.*

Lord, bless the hands
That lift Thy Cross
In far-off lands
Mid sin and dross;
The lips that speak
Thy wondrous love,
For all who seek,
From Heaven above.

Lord, guide the feet
Of those who go,
Thy lost to meet,
Thy way to show.
Lord, help us pray,
Nor weary be
Until that day
Thy face we see.

—F. M. Hubbert, in the *Living Message.*

AUXILIARY PAGE

GLAD TIDINGS DAY

"MY FIELD IS THE WORLD"

The *Glad Tidings* in every Home in the Congregation

Programme

PREPARED BY MRS. J. D. HOLMAN

O matchless honour all unsought,
High privilege surpassing thought,
That Thou shouldst call me, Lord, to be
Linked in a Fellowship with Thee;
To carry out Thy wondrous plan,
To bear Thy messages to man—
In trust with Christ's own word of grace
To every soul of human race.

Hymn 390—O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling.

Scripture Reading—*Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him. (St. Matthew 2: 1, 2).*

And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. (St. Luke 8: 1).

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (St. Matthew 28: 18-20).

While Jesus' earthly ministry was limited to the little land of Palestine, yet it had the note of universality in it from beginning to end. Wise men from a far country came to worship at His cradle. His chosen name for Himself was the Son of Man, thus claiming kinship with the whole human race. The things that He used to explain His mission were bread, water, light, the way, the truth, the life,—things needful and common to all mankind. And his last charge to His followers was that they should go into *all* the world.

Prayer—Let us in a moment of silence pray:

For those who have not yet heard the Gospel;
For the great pagan areas in the heart of Christendom;
For the elimination of racial contempt and prejudice. Silent prayer.

Let us pray:
For the Christian Church, bringing the glad tidings of Jesus into countless lives;
For those who have gone forth from our midst as God's messengers to far places and near, that they may lift high the Cross of Christ and lead many towards the Kingdom. Silent prayer.

Let us pray God's blessing on our meeting.
—O God, Lord of all truth and only source of light, guide Thou our footsteps and illumine our path. Grant that, as we learn more of Thy wonder, so may we show forth more of Thy love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 568—Lord of Light, whose name outshineth.

Echoes from Glad Tidings—A story about the various departments of the Society's work, making use of the list of names of officers on the inside cover of the magazine; the latest up-to-date news about our work, from the editorials; a synopsis of a leading article and suggestions culled from the Provincial News are all interesting ''echoes'' that may be presented from the magazine, each member leading in a brief prayer for the department of which she has been speaking.

Hymn 373—'Christ for the world' we sing.

Offering

My Field is the World—Brief talks on our work, national and overseas, using the Letter Box—to be given in the form of a ''Round the World Broadcast'', one member giving a talk on ''Missions in the World To-day'' to complete the topic.

The Challenge—An appeal for renewals and new subscriptions to be given by the *Glad Tidings* Secretary.

Hymn 381—Zion's King shall reign victorious.

Closing Prayer—''God be merciful to us and bless us,
And cause his face to shine upon us;
That thy way be known upon earth;
And thy saving grace among all nations.''

Suggestions

This programme to be used for the October or November meeting.

Instead of using flowers to decorate the room where the meeting is held, place a copy of the *Glad Tidings* in the centre of your table. On either side place a small globe of the world. Extending from globe to globe have a banner bearing the words, ''My Field is the World''. Pictures of our missionaries and fields may be cut from the *Glad Tidings* and placed around the room.

Sample copies of the *Glad Tidings* should be presented to every non-subscriber who is present at the meeting.

WANTED—Zealous *Glad Tidings* Secretaries, who go out after subscriptions and see that magazines are distributed promptly. The success of the subscription list lies in your hands.

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. John D. Holman, *Secretary*

SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

BUT three months until the records of 1938 will close. What will they reveal? Will it be possible for us to surpass our record of last year, not only in our membership, but in our contributions, our interest and our service?

Are we eager to enrol *all* the young women as members of our Auxiliary? Have you made a survey of the young women in your church in search of new members? If so, why are they not *all* members? Did you do your part?

Do you give your offerings by the ''hit and miss'' plan? As for the use of the envelope, this plan challenges every young woman to give ''as the Lord hath prospered'' her, whether the amount be large or small. It serves as a reminder of an unpaid obligation. Besides, it makes for regular systematic giving.

What will the young women study this year? Surely a *Study Chart* prepared by our own department. An outline of the available Study Charts appeared on the Young Women's page in the September *Glad Tidings.* With all this excellent material, it is hoped that the programmes of *all* the groups may be greatly improved. There is no excuse now for a dull or uninteresting meeting. The missionary society has a greater opportunity for building a programme of vital interest, world-wide in its scope, than any other organization for young women. One of our Study Charts will help to stimulate and keep the interest of your members.

How can the young women make their Worship Services more worth while? By the use of the booklet *Services of Worship* (25 cents). This booklet was compiled by our department from services prepared by young women of our own Society. ''Christianity goes in two directions—out to man and up to God. The horizontal is life; the vertical is worship.'' A lot of programmes are strong on *character,* but weak on *worship.* What kind of programme do you stress?

And, last of all, what of our service? ''We cannot live without Christ and we cannot bear to think of men living without Him. We cannot be content to live in a world that is un-Christ-like. We cannot be idle while the yearning of His heart for His brethren is unsatisfied.'' So let us concentrate all our energies and all our resources behind the work of.

our Auxiliary, in order that we may carry on efficiently that portion which is committed to our care.

Our hope and prayer is that this may be the spirit in which we all shall work this year.

Somebody said that it couldn't be done;
But she, with a chuckle, replied
That maybe it couldn't, but she would be one
Who wouldn't say so still she'd tried.
So she buckled right in with the trace of a grin
On her face. If she worried she hid it.
She started to sing as she tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and SHE DID IT.

MISSION BANDS

Mrs. A. R. Riddell, *Secretary*

LAST month you heard about some of the children in Formosa; this month we wish to introduce to you others there and one in India: the children of Dr. and Mrs. Little of the Mackay Memorial Hospital in Taihoku, Formosa, and the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Quinn of Jobat, India.

James Gauld Little, born on the 30th December, 1928, is now nine years old; Flora Jean, born on the 2nd January, 1932, is six; Andrew Hugh is four, having been born on the 15th December, 1933, and Patricia, the wee baby, came on Easter Sunday morning, the 17th April, 1938. Although the Dicksons have been living in Tansui and the Littles in Taihoku fifteen miles away, the children of the two families have been meeting once a week and playing together. The three older Little children speak both Formosan and Japanese. Their mother teaches them herself, and, besides, Flora Jean and Andrew Hugh have some kindergarten studies in Japanese. The three put on a Christmas play in Japanese for the Happy Mount Leprosy Colony last Christmas, and on International Day they sang over the radio. They have many Formosan playmates.

Ruth Arnolda Quinn is now twelve years old; she was born on the 11th May, 1926. In September of last year she left her home in London, Ontario, to go to India, where her father is now in charge of the Jobat Hospital. Ruth was then in her last year of public school. When she was ten she had passed the Junior examination (pianoforte and theory) of the Toronto Conservatory of Music. She is fond of reading and took her books to India with her. She took her bicycle, too, for she likes cycling. She hopes soon to learn to ride a horse. At Jobat she has been learning how to shoot with a bow and arrow as the Bhils do,—

Ruth Quinn giving Jobat Sunday School children a treat of biscuits.

which, her mother says, is a source of amusement to the people among whom they are living. She also has her kitten and her dolls. For the first months at Jobat, her mother guided her studies, but since March she has been attending Woodstock School in the Himalaya Mountains. As her father and mother went to Landour for language study, Ruth was able to remain with them for her first six months at school.

The day was long, the burden I had borne
Seemed heavier than I could longer bear,
And then it lifted—but I did not know
Some one had knelt in prayer,

Had taken me to God that very hour,
And asked the easing of the load, and He,
In infinite compassion, had stooped down
And taken it from me.

We cannot tell how often as we pray
For some bewildered one, hurt and distressed,
The answer comes—but many times those hearts
Find sudden peace and rest.

Some one had prayed, and Faith, a reaching hand,
Took hold of God, and brought Him down that day!
So many, many hearts have need of prayer—
Oh, let us pray.

—*Grace Noll Crowell.*

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. C. E. JAMIESON, 1610 12TH AVE., W., CALGARY, PRESS SECRETARY

WE regret to announce the death, early in August, of Mrs. James Wilson of Edmonton. Beloved by all for her beautiful and consistent Christian character, she was an unselfish and devoted mother, a loyal friend and an ardent missionary worker. As Corresponding Secretary on the Provincial Board, she was a capable and enthusiastic officer, and the Board members share in the sorrow of her husband and daughters, but also in the glorious hope and assurance of our Christian faith.

Mrs. Wilson was born in Ardglass, County Down, Ireland, where her father was a Presbyterian minister. After her marriage, she lived in Africa for a few years, but in 1911 came to live in Edmonton.

Red Deer P.S.—Carstairs Mission Band, with thirty members, recently held a successful tea and exhibition of work. The articles, more than fifty in number, are to be donated to children in hospitals. The sum of $7.00 was realized for the missionary fund. This excellent work is in charge of Miss Helen Wright and her assistant, Miss Bernice Sutherland.

Carstairs Auxiliary has almost doubled its attendance in the year. Many members make a habit of praying each morning at ten o'clock for the furtherance of missionary endeavour; this, with the help and inspiration of the President, Mrs. Williamson, has much to do with the success of the meetings. Scrap books are kept by a number of the women, each having a different field, and at the meeting interesting items collected during the month are given.

Fifty-one delegates, from six points, attended the Red Deer sectional meeting, with Mrs. J. M. McLean presiding. With Mr. Sinclair of Sylvan Lake as guest speaker, missionary papers by Mrs. McGorman and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, and musical numbers by Mrs. Jardine, Mrs. Bryant, Miss Sinclair, and Mrs. Argue, the session was profitable and enjoyable. The new Presbyterial President, Mrs. A. Forrester, gave the address of welcome.

Morning Star Mission Band of Red Deer entertained the Auxiliary members at their annual concert, the women in turn treating the children to refreshments. Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Jack's four children were presented with little gifts to remember their little Red Deer friends by. Later the Auxiliary presented a Life Membership certificate and pin to Mrs. Jack, wishing her happiness in her new home at Seaforth, Ontario.

Rocky Mountain House ladies organized a Hospital Aid in connection with the new hospital. On the day of the opening, they served tea, netting $42.50 for the hospital fund.

Edmonton P.S.—The first of its kind in Edmonton and open to all who cared to attend, a Bible Summer School was conducted by Miss Rosetta Moors and Miss Helen McRae in First Church. Fifty enrolled, from five to fifteen in age. At the closing meeting a splendidly rendered, all religious programme was given; the handicraft was on display, and certificates or awards for attendance, memory work and handwork were presented by Mrs. Sykes, Provincial President, and Professor Adams, former Sunday School Superintendent.

Calgary P.S.—Calgary Presbyterial ''Stay-at-home'' Camp, a new venture organized by Miss Muldoon, Provincial Girls' Organizations Secretary, was sponsored by the city Auxiliaries, who provided wholesome noon meals. Mrs. Hertzsprung was in charge of the Bible study, Hazel Hawkes and Maureen Smith of the games and singsongs. The director, Mary Beaton, taught ''Lovely Living'' and First Aid, and Mildred Gibson handicraft. Visits to various beauty spots, games in Grace Church gymnasium, and an illustrated lecture by Miss Garrison, on furlough from Africa, were features of interest, and the closing event was a ''hike''. Twenty enthusiastic teen-age girls voted for ''more'' next year.

Mrs. Gehman and Miss Gibbs, on their way to Manchuria, were met at Calgary by Miss Muldoon. They planned to stay over a day at Banff, and arrangements were made for them to meet Auxiliary members there.

Knox Auxiliary, Calgary, carried on its meetings during the summer months, the July meeting taking the form of a picnic.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Miss Sybil D. White, 2007 W. 63rd Ave., Vancouver, Press Secretary

KAMLOOPS–OKANAGAN P.S.—All the Auxiliaries in this Presbyterial were honoured by a visit from Mrs. R. M. Thomson, Provincial President. In a small scattered Presbyterial such as this, contacts with headquarters are very few and are always much appreciated and enjoyed. Mrs. Thomson's visit proved no exception, and was of special interest, as she told of the various new activities undertaken by the Women's Missionary Society. All had a better understanding of the work, and saw the necessity of discontinuing some of the work and closing some institutions, to enable the Society to meet greater needs elsewhere.

Victoria P.S.—Victoria Presbyterial held its June meeting at Duncan in St. Andrew's Church, which was filled with women interested in the work of the Women's Missionary Society, including fourteen members from Nanaimo and eighteen from Victoria. After the departmental reports were given, Miss Ruby Blyth gave a very interesting talk on her Sunday School work in the province. After the meeting, tea was served at the home of Mrs. Sargent, and an hour of friendly intercourse was enjoyed.

At the annual picnic of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Victoria, on July 18th at the Japanese Gardens, the Gorge, Dr. Stevenson gave a most helpful inspirational address on ''Co-operation''.

Westminster P.S.—Mrs. James Dunn of British Guiana gave a most interesting talk to St. Aidan's Auxiliary, New Westminster, at its June meeting.

In honour of five of the senior members of St. Stephen's Auxiliary, North Vancouver, Mrs. J. C. McLean-Bell entertained recently. The guests—Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Layton, Mrs. Nicholson, Mrs. Melville and Mrs. Rosie—were given small tokens of esteem. Flowers, music, refreshments and happy intercourse rounded out a perfect afternoon.

The Mission Band of Gordon Church, Edmonds, held its annual Birthday Tea on June 4th. Mothers, friends and members of the Women's Missionary Society were the Band's guests for the afternoon. Following the opening devotions, the children presented a varied programme, including a pageant, ''Lighting Candles in India''. Tea was served by the Senior Auxiliary, and the handwork of the Band and books used for mission study were on display.

The annual picnic of the Mission Band Leaders' Council was held at Queen's Park, New Westminster. After the requirements of the Banner contest were read and discussed, Miss Grigor told of her Mission Bands in the Peace River district.

At a recent meeting of Robertson Auxiliary, Vancouver, Miss Pauline Esler, a deaconess in training, was the special speaker. A Life Membership was presented to Mrs. McKee by Dr. A. Esler.

Dr. Harper, a Congregational medical missionary of London, England, who has spent thirty-six years in India, addressed the West Point Grey Auxiliary.

July 8th was Visitors' Day and Camp-fire Night at the sixth annual Presbyterian Girls' Stay-at-home Camp at Locarno Beach. In the afternoon Mrs. Thos. Fishwick, Girls' Organizations Secretary, spoke on the Bible study theme, ''The Living Church''. Included in the evening programme were two missionary plays: ''Martha'', presented by the older girls, and ''The Balloon Man'', presented by the younger group.

ONTARIO

Miss E. MacBeth, 206 Havelock Street, Toronto, Press Secretary

THE Diamond Jubilee of Knox Auxiliary, Teeswater, in Maitland Presbyterial was celebrated with more than 250 in attendance. Mrs. J. Goode presided. The President, Mrs. K. MacLean of Wingham, brought greetings from the Presbyterial. Mrs. Linklater gave a résumé of the work accomplished through the years. The special speaker, Mrs.

J. D. Wilkie, gave an instructive address on her work in Formosa; a display of Chinese and Japanese articles added colour and interest to her talk. Much appreciated was a musical number by the C.G.I.T. under the leadership of Mrs. King. Life Membership certificates were presented by Mrs. W. H. Arkell to Mrs. Andrew MacKague from her fellow workers and to Miss Mary Reid from her grandmother, Mrs. MacDonald, who is the only surviving charter member. The Honorary President of the Presbyterial, Mrs. S. Strachan of Brussels, closed the meeting with prayer. Refreshments were served in the lecture room, which was decorated in gold, white and purple, the three-storey birthday cake having the place of honour on the tea table.

Many guests attended the Hamilton Presbyterial's delightful Jubilee garden tea at Amesfield, the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Sinclair. The quiet garden in the heart of the city looked most inviting, especially when the assistants in quaint costumes of other years moved among the guests extending hospitality. Mrs. W. I. MacLean, past President, and Mrs. Donald Munro, first Vice-president, received. An appropriate feature was the presence at the tea table of the presidents of Auxiliaries founded over sixty years ago, among them Mrs. A. Forbes of Ancaster, Mrs. J. Wilson of Waterdown, Mrs. I. Layden of Dundas, Mrs. H. A. Crocker of Caledonia, Miss A. Morine of Burlington, and Miss J. Cameron of St. Paul's, Hamilton. Conspicuous on the lawn was the tea table in charge of Mrs. A. M. Soutar. The cake was cut by Mrs. J. O. McGregor of Waterdown, who the day before had celebrated her 86th birthday. The Presbytery was represented by Rev. Peter M. Dunn, Rev. R. J. Wilson, Rev. Donald MacInnes, Rev. J. G. Hornsby, Rev. Robert Moynan, Rev. N. D. MacDonald, and Rev. C. L. Cowan. Mrs. Donald Munro and Mrs. Donald Wilson convened this successful tea. Mrs. I. Layden, President of Knox Auxiliary, Dundas, was presented with an Honorary membership certificate from the Home Helpers department, Mrs. J. Kyle telling of the high esteem in which Mrs. Layden is held by the Home Helpers and Auxiliary members.

The fifty-first anniversary of Niagara-on-the-Lake was celebrated recently. The history of the Auxiliary was reviewed by Miss Creed. The Psalms and hymns, and the Scripture passages read by granddaughters of charter members, were those used at the first meeting held in 1887. Miss Annie McIntyre, a member of the Auxiliary for fifty years, cut the birthday cake. Of great interest was the reading of a poem, ''St. Andrew's Church'', written by Robert McGill Mowat, a son and grandson of former ministers.

Members of the executive of Orangeville Presbyterial visited the Auxiliaries of Erin, Price's Corners and Hillsburgh. The President, Mrs. Henry Watt, gave a splendid talk on ''Religion in the Home'' at the two latter meetings. So successful and helpful have these meetings proved that it is the intention of this Presbyterial executive to visit most of the Auxiliaries during the year.

Knox Church Auxiliary, Milton, in Toronto Presbyterial reports having especially attractive programmes this year: in March it was a rare privilege to have Dr. Jessie MacBean tell of her work in China; Rev. Mr. Lawson of Campbellville, who last year visited the Holy Land, brought an appropriate Easter message; in April a ''Tea of the Seasons'' was well planned by the Life Membership Secretary and proved a great success; in May Mrs. Edgar Robertson, who gave many years of service in China under the American Presbyterian Church, brought interesting information of the present situation there; in June the Supply Committee displayed their splendid bale and had as special speaker Mrs. H. Wood, Presbyterial Supply Secretary, who told of her trip through the Canadian West and of the distribution of our supplies.

Knox Auxiliary, Leamington, in Chatham Presbyterial, held its annual midsummer meeting and ''pot-luck'' supper at a member's home on the shore of Lake Erie. As this was the last meeting before the departure of Mrs. T. W. and Mrs. J. L. W. McLean for their new home in Victoria, British Columbia, the Sunshine and Isabel McConnell Auxiliaries were invited to join Knox Auxiliary to bid them farewell.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. R. M. PATERSON, LUSELAND, PRESS SECRETARY

MOOSE JAW P.S.—For their June meeting the members of the Auxiliary of Knox Church, Moose Jaw, met at the home of Mrs. J. McKinlay of the Pioneer district. A bus was chartered by the ladies and the trip of twenty miles added much to their enjoyment of the afternoon. Items of interest from a report of the General Assembly were read at the meeting.

During 1938 St. Paul's Auxiliary, Moose Jaw, has held its meetings in the evening to give the young people of the Church an opportunity to attend. They have held six meetings and have found the change to be a very great success.

Saskatoon P.S.—Mrs. Cormack Smith, a member of the Auxiliary in Old Kildonan Church, Winnipeg, was a guest at the June meeting of North Battleford Auxiliary and brought a helpful message to the members. The Auxiliary decided to keep a layette on hand for needy mothers of the congregation, the members giving the articles necessary.

Parkview Auxiliary, Saskatoon, held its Home Helpers Day in June. Papers on the work of Dr. Goforth were read. An excellent lesson on ''The Purpose of Life'' was given by Miss M. Steenson.

Treasurer's Statement

July-August, 1938

RECEIPTS

A Friend	$ 4.00
Government Grant for the Education of Indian Students	198.00
Government Grant for Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	5,682.19
Government Grant for Birtle Indian School	4,640.71
Refund from Deaconesses' Expenses	24.00
Refund from Vegreville Residence	202.57
Refund from Office Rent	69.60
Refund from Canora Hospital	320.00
Refund on taxes on Prince Albert Residence	6.57
Refund on Insurance	99.80
Ewart Trust Fund for the Education of Candidate for India	407.20
PROVINCIAL GIVINGS:	
Alberta	605.76
British Columbia	800.00
Manitoba	137.30
Ontario	9,250.00
Quebec	1,500.00
Saskatchewan	375.00
	$24,322.70

DISBURSEMENTS:

Hospitals:	
Canora	$ 778.32
Vegreville	100.00
Rocky Mountain House	910.78
Chinese in Canada	1,273.79
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	638.32
Government Grant paid to Cecilia Jeffrey School	5,682.19
Birtle Indian School	945.60
Government Grant paid to Birtle Indian School	2,000.00
Presbyterian Residences:	
Huntingdon	125.00
Saskatoon	150.00
Vegreville	174.28
India:	
Bhil Field	516.66
Jhansi Field	150.00
Manchuria	90.00
Formosa	1,674.59
Japan	1,885.00
Organization	510.00
Special Retiring Allowances	293.32
Publications	1,147.06
Education of Chinese Students	140.00
Welcome and Welfare and Deaconesses	2,286.42
Supplies	1.59
Equipment and Supplies for Rocky Mountain House Hospital	729.28
New Missionaries	1,125.32
Exchange	3.78
Insurance	178.30
Fees	243.25
Christian Literature	300.00
Administration	739.77
Purchasing Land and moving house in Peace River District	145.00
	$24,937.62

RESERVE FUNDS

RECEIPTS:

Legacy Fund—	
Estate of Roberta Barcley, through Preston Auxiliary for furnishing of bungalow in Szepingkai	$ 100.00
Estate of Miss Eva Parker, Aylmer East, Quebec	200.00
Estate of Mrs. Jean Cockburn, St. Catharines, Ont.	200.00
Interest	3.07

Special Fund—	
Rent in Japan	30.00
Payment from New Liskeard Residence	200.00
Interest	52.50
Refund from Vegreville Hospital	2,171.12
Sale of buildings and piano at Vegreville	250.00
Sustaining Fund—	
Interest	87.50
Special Retiring Fund—	
A Friend (5% Canada Steamship Bond)	100.00
Interest	11.85
Ontario Provincial, Gold Mite Boxes	108.05
Alberta Provincial	47.00
	$3,561.09

EXPENDITURES:

Legacy Fund—	
Rocky Mountain House Hospital	$2,907.93
Special Retiring Fund—	
Accrued Interest on Bonds purchased	20.05
	$2,927.98

(MRS. DANIEL) HELEN M. STRACHAN, *Treasurer.*

October Wind

The piper wind goes straying
Into the morning skies,
With fern-seed in his pockets
And laughter in his eyes,
And the swift clouds break and follow
His magic melodies.

The piper wind goes playing
His music sweet and shrill,
And brave in red and yellow
The leaves dance on the hill,
And the purple plumes of aster
Nod gaily by the rill.

The piper wind goes roaming
O'er upland, glade and plain;
He whispers in the sunshine,
He whistles through the rain,
He dreams among the pine-trees
And wakes, and laughs again.

The piper wind goes homing
Adown the sunset skies,
With fern-seed in his pockets,
And laughter in his eyes,
And our hearts are fain to follow
His magic melodies.

—*Norah M. Holland.*

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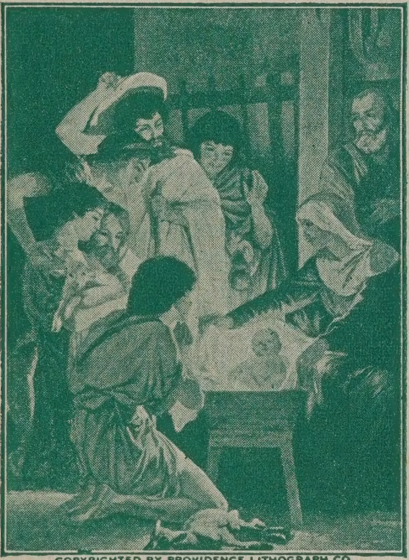

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Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see
this thing which has come to pass.
Luke 2:15.

Hasten to Bethlehem, view
The stable bare,
See in a manger bed
The Lord Christ there.

Strangely before that babe
Life's pathway lies,
Gethsemane, the cross,
My soul—thy soul the prize.

—*E. Govan.*

"On Earth Peace . . ."

CHRISTMAS has ever been a season of happiness, a festival of beauty with its songs of good-will and its lovely stories of angels and shepherds and wise men following a star. When we think of its contrast with the noisy world described in the evening newspaper, we may well ask, "Is Christmas a reality—or was Bethlehem only the scene of a dream?" . . .

Yes: the world's reality is in many ways very far from our Christmas ideal. But let us look again at Bethlehem, and see if all was beauty and joy and peace there. Shepherds and Wise Men came to greet the infant Christ—but Herod the King was looking for Him too, and every small boy under two years of age was slain because a jealous beast of a king was afraid for his throne. Nor when the Christ-child came did He find Himself in a world of soft luxury—"there was no room for them in the inn." Harsh enough reality there: so far from being dreams, the facts were more like a nightmare. More, the story of which this was the beginning is never very far from tragic suffering and pain until it finds its climax at a cross. Plenty of reality there for the most matter-of-fact and the least sentimental among us.

The truth is we live in both of two worlds, in one of which we meet the Shepherds and the Wise Men: Herod in the other. Both are real, actual, of everyday experience. Herod stands for a fact. There are plenty to-day willing to do anything cruel or mean to hold what they have—or to win more. But the Christ whom the Wise Men honoured and the Shepherds worshipped is no less a fact, no less real. He stands for the other world against Herod's—the world of Peace as against that of War, of Love as against Hate, of Beauty and Joy as against Ugliness and Cruelty, of Right as against Wrong. Both worlds are real, and we to-day can choose between them. Your Christmas dream may be a reality if you care enough for it to make it so. But never forget that Herod is waiting, as before, to destroy your newborn world in its cradle. Nor is the task ended when it has begun: the winning of it will last you all your life long.

Let no man think that sudden in a minute
    All is accomplished and the work is done:—
Though with thine earliest dawn thou shouldst begin it,
    Scarce were it ended in thy setting sun.

But it is supremely worth doing, the winning of this world which is at once a glorious reality and a Christmas dream.

(From *Young Scotland*, December, 1935)

Editorial

AS we go to press, word has come of the passing of Miss Janet I. Inglis, Honorary Vice-President of our Women's Missionary Society. The sympathy of our members goes out to her friends. Something about Miss Inglis and her work will appear in our next number.

New Workers in the Peace River District

THREE workers have recently been appointed by the Council Executive to serve in the Peace River district. Miss Rollo and Miss Madill, whose resignations were announced at the Council meeting, have left the Brownvale and Last Lake field and their places have been taken by Miss Margaret Huinink of Edmonton and Miss Georgina Roy of Westville, Nova Scotia, who will live together at Last Lake. Miss Huinink, who is a graduate of the Vancouver Bible College, did supply work at Brownvale in the summer, while Rev. Mr. Fraser came to the General Assembly. Miss Roy is a graduate of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home and a nurse, with experience in an eastern hospital and, latterly, in the Dunn Avenue Hospital in Toronto. Miss Margaret Grigor has resigned after several years' devoted service on the Wanham field and, for the past year, at Prestville, and Miss Rosetta Moors of Edmonton, who graduated last spring from the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, has begun work as a deaconess in the Prestville district.

Moves from Tansui to Taihoku

MISS ISABEL TAYLOR, who returned to her work at Tansui in September, has been granted permission by the North Formosa Mission Council to move to Taihoku, the capital, where the Theological College is now established. She will have more opportunity there for teaching music in her missionary work.

Miss Craig

ON the 3rd of November one of the oldest members of the Women's Missionary Society, Miss Margaret Craig, died in Toronto after several months' illness. From 1893 until 1914 she was a member of the Board of Management of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, for the last sixteen years as Secretary of Indian Work in Canada,—for a time as Secretary of Chinese work as well. During her term of office she devoted herself whole-heartedly to work for the Indians and those who were ministering to them, visiting all our Indian missions twice and some oftener, thus getting to know the people and the best way of helping them. Although she retired from the Board in 1914, she maintained until her last illness a keen interest in missions, especially in the Indian, Chinese and Jewish work. To her sisters and her brother is extended the sincere sympathy of our members.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Mackay

AT its meeting of November first the Council Executive cordially welcomed Mr. and Mrs. George W. Mackay of Tansui. On behalf of the women missionaries, Mrs. Mackay thanked the Board for the Society's grant for evangelistic work, and especially for its contribution towards the expenses of the wives of the missionaries, and told of some of the work that grant makes possible. It pays the expenses of the Biblewomen on the field, and makes it possible to bring them to the three-day Bible study conference and to give them a short-term course in the Women's School. The young people are getting splendid Bible training in the vacation Bible schools, which were this year held in twenty-eight places. For these Mrs. Mackay prepared the programme, with the necessary material, the expense being met from the Society's grant. The Formosan Women's Missionary Society, with about thirty-five branches, is doing effective work, keeping up its givings and supporting four Biblewomen, Mrs. Mackay said. Work is being carried on among the aborigines by some of their own women who were for a time at the Women's School; other workers are not allowed to go in to preach to these people. It is, Mrs. Mackay said, a joy to go about the country, reaching the people in shops, on farms, and in their homes; no work brings better results than this personal work; and never have they been refused the privilege of speaking or praying. The graded Bible memorizing scheme affords an opportunity for teaching the Formosans to read as well as for giving them a knowledge of Scripture. The Gospel of John is given to any one who will learn the fifty-five verses marked, and a Bible to those who memorize a hundred and twenty verses (from Genesis and Exodus); for a hundred and fifty verses (from the Psalms, the Prophets, and St. Paul) the reward is a trip to the Bible-training conference; and for five hundred verses women are given a short-term course at the Women's School and men a short course at the Theological College.

Mr. Mackay, after thanking the Board for the Society's support of workers in Formosa, spoke of advances made in evangelistic work, especially since the visit of Dr. Sung. With a view to getting all to be personal workers, preaching bands have been organized, some congregations having fifteen or sixteen bands. These go out among the people, and on Sunday evening report what they have done. Mrs. Koa, Mr. Mackay's sister, spent a good deal of time among the women in mountain retreats built by the Buddhists as places for meditation, and among them found some secret believers who suggested that a Christian home should be established for them—a suggestion that has interested the Formosan

Women's Missionary Society. Lately, Mr. Mackay said, the Japanese Government has been pushing shrine worship in the homes, and some Formosans, feeling at a loss when their idols are taken away, are ready to worship the Christians' God. A great opportunity is thus afforded for more evangelistic work, especially in the homes. For twenty years Mr. Mackay was in the Middle School, but, although at first saddened by the thought of its passing from the Mission, he realizes that there are better opportunities ahead. Everywhere he goes in Formosa he finds ''old boys'' to welcome him. In his work in the country districts he planned to do two things: reach the non-Christians and get in touch with those who had at some time heard the Christian message but had drifted away. He got in touch with about three hundred of the latter, and a hundred of them became Christians. The Pepoans, he said, are coming back; little groups have held services for years, and hundreds of them could be won, if there were two or three men to do this work. Thus, in spite of difficulties in Formosa to-day, the missionaries feel they can do a more personal and more effective work. Workers are handicapped because of lack of funds to get the Christian literature they need. Good Japanese and Chinese tracts are available but only a few can be distributed. They could do a great deal, Mr. Mackay said, with $100 for literature.

The Madras Meeting

THIS month the eyes of the Christian people of the world are on Madras, as perhaps never before on any place, outside of the Holy Land. Probably no meeting in history has had such long, definite preparations made for it or awakened such high hopes as has the meeting of the International Missionary Council which will be held December 13th to 30th. For the first time representatives of Churches in every part of the world—as many from the ''younger'' Churches as from the ''older''—will meet as equals in a conference, truly a *world* gathering from the point of view of its composition and the problems it will face. The central theme is not the missionary movement alone, but *the Church*, with such questions to be studied as the faith by which the Church lives, the witness of the Church, the life of the Church, the Church and its environment, co-operation and unity—with their bearing on the present world situation, modern paganisms, and non-Christian religions.

To a world bewildered by the almost incredible events of recent times, by war and fear of war, by national and racial antagonisms, and weakened by a feeling of uncertainty and insecurity, comes this reminder of other things in life. The Madras meeting, with men and women of different nations, races, and creeds ''bound together in the unity of the Faith, in an enduring Christian fellowship'', will, Dr. John R. Mott believes, ''do more than any other one thing to afford the believing world—and also the unbelieving world—true perspective, by riveting the gaze upon the One who alone is 'the Way, the Truth and the Life'."

The thoughts and the prayers of Christians at home will be with the delegates as they travel to Madras, meet there in conference, and return to their own lands or go to others, to bring to the home Churches the message of Madras, so that there may come a renewed, deeper spiritual life in all, and the uniting of the Christian forces in all countries, in a larger evangelism, against the common enemy. Our women will, especially, remember Miss Tennant, our Girls' Work Secretary, who is now on her way to Madras as one of the Canadian delegates, one of the *young* delegates so much desired at this Council meeting.

To Obtain a True Report

DECEMBER and the annual meetings of Auxiliaries and other local branches of the Society, for which treasurers and secretaries will be busy preparing reports of the year's work! We would urge the importance of having all reports *correct,* not only because the branches should know exactly how their work stands at the close of the year, but also because these reports must go to the treasurer and secretaries of the Presbyterial, who, from them, prepare their reports, which, in turn, are sent on to the Provincial officers, so that they may report to the Provincial Society and to the Council Executive. Thus, it can be readily seen that *the information given in the reports of local branches is the key information.* If, therefore, any inaccuracy slip into a report of any local branch or if some information asked for is not given at all, *that* report is incorrect or incomplete, but, worse still, the Presbyterial, Provincial, and Council reports will all be incorrect,—and, if there are mistakes or omissions in several local branch reports, one needs little imagination to realize the resulting confusion. Let each officer of a local branch having to submit a report, therefore, see that her information is strictly *accurate,* that all information asked for is given, and, then, that figures and names (of persons and places) are so legibly written that they *cannot* be misunderstood. Then, let each Presbyterial and Provincial officer see to it that no errors are made in copying the information sent on to her and that, if she receives an incomplete report, she check up on it at once. Only thus can the Society's annual report present a true picture of the organization, the membership, the givings, and the work of our Women's Missionary Society.

Stevens-Grigor

ON the 2nd of November, at First Church, Edmonton, Rev. R. S. Stevens, D.D., of Wainwright, Alberta, was married to Miss Margaret Grigor, who has for several years been serving as a deaconess under the Women's Missionary Society on the Wanham and Prestville fields in the Peace River district. We wish Mrs. Stevens every happiness in her new life.

Miss Edith M. Magee of Jhansi is to be congratulated on passing her first year language examination with first-class honours. Miss Magee, who went to India last autumn, has begun to take charge of the Helen Macdonald School, while Miss Stringer devotes more time to the hostel.

To the members of the Baptist Women's Missionary Society we would extend sincere sympathy in the death of Mrs. Thomas Trotter, who for fifteen years served as editor of their magazine—eight years editor of *The Link* and seven as ''Foreign'' editor of the combined *Link and Visitor*. Besides her editorial work, Mrs. Trotter leaves a long record of service, as principal of Woodstock College, as dean of Wallingford Hall, the McMaster women's residence, and as a member of missionary boards.

St. Andrew's Church, Kirkland Lake

A LARGE congregation gathered on the 30th October for the dedication of the new St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Kirkland Lake. The minister, the Rev. C. J. MacKay, was assisted at the morning service by Rev. E. J. Kerr of New Liskeard, Clerk of Presbytery, and Rev. W. M. Mackay, synodical missionary for Northern Ontario and Manitoba, preached morning and evening. The dedication service was conducted by the Rev. P. W. Graham, Moderator of the Presbytery of North Bay and Temiskaming.

Since the congregation held its first service in the Masonic Temple on the 14th March, 1937, it has made rapid progress, under the Rev. C. J. MacKay, minister, and Miss L. M. Macarthur, deaconess. The members of the Women's Missionary Society would extend to this new congregation congratulations on all they have accomplished and best wishes for the future.

A Leader in Medical Missions

Dr. Edward H. Hume, the founder and first president of Ya-li (Yale-in-China) University at Chang-sha, in October made his first official visit to Toronto as Director of the Christian Medical Council for Overseas Work, (of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America). Since July 1934 he had visited three hundred and fifty hospitals, mainly mission hospitals in China, Japan, and India. There are few mission hospitals in Japan, but one cannot be there, Dr. Hume declared, without feeling the influence of St. Luke's in Tokyo, with its gold cross. On his way to and from Madras, where he is to preside over the medical section of the International Missionary Council, he expects to visit hospitals in the Near and Middle East.

Speaking of the ''Missionary Enterprise of the Church'', Dr. Hume emphasized the need of ''world thinking''. Aeroplanes are bringing the peoples together, making the world a small place, but also increasing the possibility of danger, as, for instance, in carrying disease germs from one part of the world to another. Thus, while networks are needed, are inevitable indeed, they have, he reminded his hearers, their dangers. He stressed, too, the need of maps; workers must know the environment. ''If the merely military people use maps,'' he said, ''how much more should we.'' Referring to the need of ''permeating and bringing the environment in'', he told of a Chinese man who was so impressed by the atmosphere of a mission hospital, where he felt there was freedom, not restriction, that he came back to ask about the religion that would allow that. For two years as Secretary of the Chinese Medical Association Dr. Hume devoted special attention to the relating of missionary medical work to the Government's Public Health programme, and then went to India to study the problems of medical missions there. When he had an interview with Nehru in India, the latter sent for his sister, the new Minister of Health in the Central Provinces, who had begun her work by making a tour of village dispensaries. The Christian movement, he said, should co-operate and serve in all efforts to help the people of the country. In China, where there are Union Christian Medical colleges, Christian medical workers are working together as a Christian group. In the new India women are studying in co-educational schools, as well as in women's schools. The time has come when for them it is a question not of men's schools or women's, but of the best the country can offer.

He came away from India with ''a renewed devotion to worship''. Two incidents—in India and China—had impressed him deeply. Seeing one of his fellow travellers on an Indian train, a Hindu, who he was told was a Minister of Agriculture, spend forty-five minutes in meditation and worship, he asked himself: Do I worship fearlessly, in complete disregard of my surroundings? In Western China he saw something similar,—a Chinese scholar, whom he found to be the leading banker of the town, coming up to a hill and standing there in the attitude of devotion and meditation. Among the tribute panels in a temple the most striking inscription, he thought, was this: ''Searching, contemplative prayer is bound to have an answer.'' The people in those countries lack much, Dr. Hume said, but they *worship*. ''We do well to keep our eyes and ears open to these elements of worship.''

Pioneer work in missions is giving place to modern planning. ''Thank God,'' he said, ''for the pioneers, but these are the days for new planning, new strategies.'' Planning must be along the lines of awareness, of adjustment, and of advance. The pioneering that remains to be done is pioneering in the way of giving the Gospel to those who come. ''The land of discovery lies there''—in finding ways in which the Christian message can be given.

In connection with the thought of adaptation, he told of two things he had seen in South India. In a dormitory in a girls' school he saw a cross woven into cocoanut fibre, ''as significant in worship as if it were of precious metal''. He received an even greater impression from another cross,—on a little place of worship, like an Indian temple, but with a Christian tower, on the top of which was a cross,—''a message of adaptation and adjustment''. We must use the form that is in keeping with the environment, he said; must take the word ''foreign'' out of all work, and bring the Gospel to the people in a form they would love.

Referring to his new position, Dr. Hume explained that for twelve years leaders in medical missions had sought to form a medical council, so that all Mission Boards would think together. That Council, as far as North America is concerned, is now a reality. Last year twelve Mission Boards sent delegates to it, and it is hoped that more will be represented. It is, he said, an ''office of common thinking, strategy, planning for the days ahead''. From the point of view of medical missions the members think of themselves as a single team.

The Birth of Christ

Far on the hillside sleeps Bethlehem town;
The ancient houses in deep shadows lie;
The unsleeping stars, God's sentinels, look down;
The restless night winds sigh.

And far to Mary in her need hard press't
And Joseph on the steep, uneven way,
Anxiously cheering her with hope of rest
After the weary day.

Now near at last the darkened houses loom;
But for the travellers shines no friendly light;
At the inn door, denied a humble room,
They pass into the night

And, free from heedless throng, in lowliest place
Of patient cattle resting in the stall,
Mary brings forth the Saviour of the race,
Christ Jesus, Lord of all.

—*James G. Berry.*

In Memory of Miss Christina E. Cameron

Resolution passed by the Council Executive of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, October 25th, 1938

BLESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.

In the death of Miss Christina Cameron of Montreal on Wednesday, October 12th, 1938, the Women's Missionary Society, and especially the Quebec Provincial, has sustained a loss that is indeed great. She leaves behind her a rich legacy of remembrance. Loyalty was the keynote of her life, to her family, to her friends, to her country, which she served through the Great War as a nursing sister in the Canadian Army Medical Corps. The Kingdom of God was put first in her life and her devotion to the Church and the missionary cause was not second nature, but its root and cause. From 1923, and through the years since, Miss Cameron has served the Provincial Society as Treasurer, First Vice-President, President, and again as Vice-President. All who worked with her greatly esteemed her for her selflessness, her integrity, her steady courage, her affection for her friends and her deep love for little children. Anything that she accomplished she always attributed to the fact that she was a humble instrument in the hands of God. Miss Cameron was a woman of prayer and her soul was truly anchored in the inexhaustible and enduring verities of her religious faith and her spiritual experience.

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost enkindle the flame of Thy love in the hearts of the saints, grant unto us the same faith and power, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may profit by their example, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Picturing the 1938 Christian Youth Conference

BY THE REV. HUGH MACMILLAN, TANSUI.

PICTURES aplenty were taken at the fifth annual conference of the Taiwan Christian Youth Movement. It met this year in Tansui, famed for natural beauty that tempts a camera to snap of its own accord. Open the way into this beauty spot to a throng of young men and women (150 this year) and give them time and opportunity to meditate and study in groups about the meaning of all this beauty and the Maker of it all, then every shade and terrace from radiant sunrise to glowing sunset becomes filled with human interest, inspiration, and pictures long to be remembered. It would be interesting to reproduce some of the snap-shots taken, but perhaps a few word pictures are easier to print.

"Of the five conferences this year's has more of the spirit of Christianity'', commented one of the ''old-timers'' who had attended all.

''Why?'' I asked, rather surprised at such a remark.

He smiled a knowing smile, saying, ''Oh, you know well enough; it takes better Christians to venture out in the name of Christ in a year like this.''

Thinking these words over in the light of conference facts and figures, I realized the opinion was not unfounded. This church and that church's young people were not represented. Actually they had given other reasons for not attending, like lack of time, inability to raise the necessary funds, etc., but there may have been a deeper reason. True, they had sent in their regrets in flowery words and beautifully written ''ji'', but not a few places were vacant. Perhaps the real reason was the times in which we live.

OXFORD COLLEGE

Fifth Annual Conference, Taiwan Christian Youth Movement.

Young people's conferences in Taiwan cannot truly be pictured against the background of a cloudless sky. From the beginning there have been clouds and plenty of them. Nor have the four conferences of the past four years served to clear the air of doubts as to the value of young people's work. The attitude of some church people, as the fifth conference was planned, is indicated by the following remarks.

"Oh, by the way, is there to be a youth conference this year?"

"I suppose so; why do you ask?"

"Oh well, do you think a meeting like that will be allowed?"

"Why not?"

Or:

"Well, I hear there isn't going to be a youth conference this year. Perhaps after all it's much better not to have it in a year like this. We'll all feel easier if it isn't held."

Or this:

"Isn't the committee afraid to go ahead with the youth conference this year?"

"Why?"

"Oh well, you never know what might happen, when these young people get together. . ."

"But this is the *fifth,* and there has been no serious criticism of the other four, has there?"

"Yes, but I mean *this year.*"

Or this:

"Where are you going to put all that crowd? Where are they going to eat, and sleep, and have meetings? No longer are there schools to house them."

"But there's the out-of-doors, and compound houses."

Last but not least, two days before opening, we were warned that our programme did not show sufficient evidence of patriotism. We had to get busy and do it all over again. This time patriotism was spelled with a capital "P" and we got away to a start with flying colours.

"All these little difficulties help to keep us more humble," said one of the group working on conference arrangements. "We need to be reminded always that we live in a world full of problems, chief of which is the problem of living and working with others."

"Clouds? What's a picture without clouds?" I asked one of the committee members who had been through enough opposition to make a less Christian person want to quit. "Unnatural," came back the quick reply.

Conference week filled the Tansui Compound with almost ceaseless activity. Colour prints in the young women's new foreign dresses blended well with multi-coloured crotons and numerous tropical blooms. Recent rains had refreshed the compound shrubbery, palms, acacias, banyans, as well as the greensward, till the whole place looked like the Paradise gardens of story-books.

"What have you women come here for anyway?" one of them was asked. "To change your clothes or to change your hearts?" Apart from Government initiative to wear foreign clothes, young people are quite enthusiastic about the change and like to show off their newest creations. But this question gave great concern. It was brought to a group. ''Is it true that you think more of your clothes than your inner lives?'' asked a male member of the group. ''If it isn't true, why worry about it?''

''Frankly,'' the young woman explained, ''it may be true that a few girls have shallower motives in coming here, but most of us are too concerned about the problem of being Christian in strenuous times like these to think much about clothes.'' Questions were asked about youth conferences in Western countries. In answer there was only one thing to be said, namely that young men and women of this conference could take their place with young people anywhere. ''Supposing we could go to Canada to a conference, what sort of impression do you think we would get?'' was asked.

''It would be easier for you to feel at ease at a conference in Canada than for Canadians to feel at ease here,'' I suggested. ''You know more of Western ways than Canadians know of Oriental things. You know you can eat their food, because you have done so. You know you can sleep in their beds, because you have had such an experience. You can play their pianos and violins, and sing their hymns and songs by note as well as or better than they can. You can play their baseball, tennis, and other games as well as they can. You can run and jump and swim as well as they can, also. You can sit with them and read the Bible in more languages than they can and think and pray with them. They would find it hard to eat with chop-sticks and enjoy your food—on their first attempt. They'd find it hard to sleep on a thin straw mat on a hard floor, twelve in a room fifteen by fifteen—the first time they tried. They'd feel themselves in a very strange world, stranger than they had ever dreamed of, till they began to get used to it. But they'd soon get used to it; at least, those who are Christian would, and greatly enjoy it.''

The central theme of this year's conference was the Resurrection of our Lord. Last year the theme was the Cross. Many people last year remarked on the suitability of the subject for such a year. The future looked exceedingly dark. This year, in spite of little change in the intensity of the darkness, there seemed more buoyancy of spirit. ''There is a spirit here this year I can't quite account for,'' said a Formosan pastor. ''There is radiance and hopefulness, victory over the things that would hold us down. Is this a manifestation of the living Christ in our midst?'' he wondered. This spirit permeated the whole conference, but it was most evident during Bible study periods and at early morning prayer meetings.

''Why couldn't we continue this group Bible study for three hours instead of going at the end of an hour and a half to listen to a dry old lecture?'' a Formosan young woman was heard to ask. ''I hate lectures,'' she went on; ''you have to sit so straight and appear so wise and interested.''

''Oh, come along,'' a medical student said encouragingly. ''You know we have to have lectures, too, or the folks outside would think we weren't getting anything. It's good for discipline, you know,'' he added with a wink as he straightened up and proceeded to goose-step. ''Anyway, lectures *are* important. I mean it. Why, take yesterday, for instance, that professor from the Imperial University lecturing on the origin of man.''

''Well, what about it? His conclusion was that nobody knows how man originated,'' came the answer as quick as a flash.

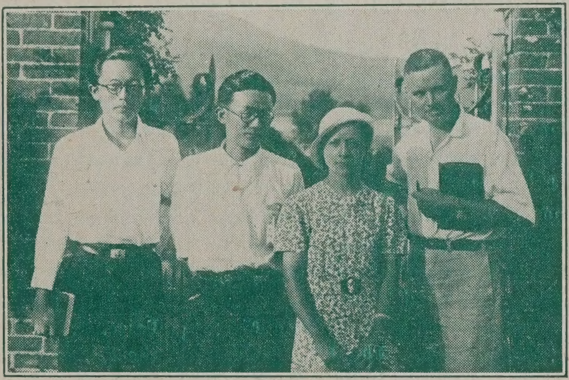
''That's just it. Isn't it great to have such an eminent authority admit such a thing? I think it is because he is a Christian; he was humble enough to come all the way to tell us these things. His point was that we who believe in God and have the Bible know more about this subject than the cleverest of the worldly wise.''

Group discussion of daily lectures on special subjects dealing with Church thought, life and work was a popular period this year. Each group elected a secretary who reported the findings of the group to the whole conference. The discussion was said to have been serious in every group and participated in by all. Keen interest was shown in the general report period. One of these reports stands out as most amusing; another was memorable and may have far-reaching significance.

The first was a group of middle school boys. The secretary was a perky young chap whose movements were more like those of a mechanical toy than a boy's. He marched to the front, bowed profusely in Japanese school-boy style, opened his note-book, held it out almost at arm's length, also in approved school manner, and read in a loud school-boy voice: ''Report of . . . . No. 1. Group number three met at residence number two. (The audience smiled at the technical formalities.) No. 2. Hymn number 65 was sung. ('How strange!' whispered some mischief at the back of the room.) No. 3. Everybody talked about faith, etc. No. 4. It was agreed that our discussion didn't attain the purpose desired because our regular leader was unavoidably absent to-day. Everybody was of the same mind about this. (This brought great laughter.) No. 5. We closed with hymn number 210.'' The boy closed his book, bowed low as before, and marched to his seat with military precision. No one quite knows how this funny report, quite unlike the serious-minded chaps of that group, managed to slip through, but at least it provided a change, and much merriment.

Very different was the report of a group of about fourteen young men and women of college grade. The subject that day was ''The call of Christ into the wider world''. A young woman stood up to make the report. She is a kindergarten teacher, well trained, with high ideals for her little church kindergarten in the south of the Island. Her attitude attracted attention from the first. Silence awaited her words. They were brief, but full of significance. ''Our group discussed this subject and decided that the call of Christ, so far as we are concerned, can only be answered adequately by decisions. The situation in the world to-day calls for decision and action. In our group this morning three people definitely decided to give their lives to Christ for service *outside* our homeland, wherever He may lead us. The reader of this report is one of the three. The others are students, one in each of two Imperial universities.''

This report produced an interesting reaction. The audience first applauded, then stopped, as if to applaud was a grave mistake. Silence followed, a silence charged with prayer that the living Christ give strength to this beginning of missionary spirit in the youth movement. An Episcopal clergyman in the audience rose and said the hearing of this report was a great moment in his life. He requested a copy of it for his church magazine and prayed that Christ would greatly bless these young missionaries-in-the-making. The Presbyterian minister of Taihoku looked out of the window near which we were sitting and, pointing to the stone erected to the memory of Dr. G. L. Mackay in the corner of the grounds, said it was not insignificant that the spirit that animated that great missionary to come to these shores, even to choose this beautiful site, should also move this conference to missionary efforts.



Rev. Hugh MacMillan and three students who decided to give their lives to Christ.

Plans are already under way for the sixth conference, to be held somewhere in South Formosa in 1939.

A Study of India To-day

BASED ON THE BOOKS
MOVING MILLIONS and THE CHURCH TAKES ROOT IN INDIA

Prepared by Miss Lamont

Introduction—

TO make a satisfactory study of ''India To-day'' in one year would leave little time for the consideration of other phases of our work or for special meetings; therefore, it has been deemed advisable to extend the study over two years. Six programmes, covering the first three chapters of *Moving Millions,* are here given for use in 1939. It is necessary for us to keep always in our minds the work in all our fields. This may be done by having Current Events or a Missionary News Broadcast given at each meeting.

If more material is suggested than can be used at the meeting, choose that which will be most interesting to your Auxiliary. The various topics in a programme might be assigned to different people—the more taking part the better.

The use of conversation, costumes, stories, pageants, lantern slides, and maps help to make a programme interesting.

For material you will be referred to:

M.M. – **Moving Millions.**
C.T.R. – **The Church Takes Root in India.**
G.T. – – The **Glad Tidings.**
L. – – Leaflets: The Jhansi Field. / **The** Bhil Field. / India's Past. } **Price,** the three for 15 cents.

Other valuable information may be secured from the General Assembly's report for 1938 and from our Women's Missionary Society annual reports.

In these studies may we seek to understand God's will for us in our relationship to those who are ''of one blood'' with us.

Proverbs 3: 13; II Timothy 2: 15; Acts 17: 24-30.

''India,
Land of mystery in which live men
Whose skin is brown, but in whose heart
There burns a fierce desire for God—
God help us to understand thee, and to help.''

STUDY ONE—INDIA, PAST AND PRESENT

I. What do we know about India?

No other country is older.

It has:

- more than one-sixth of the world's population;
- the most crowded city in the world, Bombay;
- the most beautiful building in the world, the Taj Mahal;

- the highest mountains in the world, the Himalayas—Mount Everest is still unconquered by man;
- great wealth—to find which Christopher Columbus fared forth and landed in America;
- the richest man in the world, the Nizam of Hyderabad,—yet the average yearly income is about forty dollars;
- some of the finest intellectual and spiritual leaders in the world,—yet only ten per cent. of the people can read and write;
- a religious people,—yet only two per cent. are Christian.

II. What do we know about:

1. Her geography? Locate on a map the great mountains, rivers, cities (including Delhi, the capital), and our mission fields. (The Bhil Field is in the southwest corner of Central India, south of Indore. It extends north and south of the Narbada River and southwest into the province of Bombay. See map at back of M.M.)
2. Modern India, as shown in the pageants of 1911 and 1937?
   M.M.—pp. 13-19.
3. Her early peoples and their religions?
   L.—India's Past.
4. The peoples among whom our missionaries work and their religions?
   L.—The Jhansi Field.
   The Bhil Field.

III. What do we hope for India?
M.M.—p. 41.

STUDY TWO—INDIA BECOMES A NATION

I. India's system of government—

1. 1857—India comes under British rule. How? Some immediate results. What was the British policy?
   L.—India's Past.
   M.M.—pp. 19-22.
2. India's agitation for self-government. The Indian National Congress.
   M.M.—pp. 22-27.
3. April 1, 1937—A new constitution, giving representative government; representation according to Indian religious communities.
   L.—India's Past.
   M.M.—pp. 27-29.
   Difficulties of the system, and influence on Christian missions.
   M.M.—pp. 199-202.

II. Outstanding Indian Leaders—Mahatma Gandhi, Jawahartal Nehru, Indian Christians, Indian Women.
M.M.—pp. 29-32; 78-81.

III. Religious problems to be faced.
M.M.—pp. 39-41.

STUDY THREE—INDIAN MILLIONS SEEK A NEW RELIGION

I. The Untouchables—Who are they? Why so called? How do they live? Influence of Hindu religion?
M.M.—pp. 42-58.
C.T.R.—pp. 44-47.

II. Methods of Uplift—
  1. The Christian Method and its results.
    Influence of Mass or Group Movements.
      M.M.—pp. 57-64.
      C.T.R.—pp. 51-60.
  2. Methods of Mr. Gandhi and Dr. Ambedkar.
      M.M.—pp. 64-74.
      C.T.R.—pp. 48-51.

III. Group Movements in the Bhil Field.
      G.T.—Oct. 1938, p. 358.

IV. Other Group Movements.
      G.T.—Oct. 1938, p. 363.

STUDY FOUR—INDIAN VILLAGE LIFE

In India no one lives on a farm. Farmers live in villages, where eighty-five per cent. of the people are found, including most of the Christians.

I. Old mode of life—
  1. Houses, interdependence, castes, servitude, Brahmin priest, village justice.
      C.T.R.—pp. 12-28.
      M.M.—pp. 89, 90.
  2. Difficulties of one who becomes a Christian.
      C.T.R.—p. 22.
      L.—The Jhansi Field—p. 2.

II. Modern Changes—
  1. Motor buses, cinema, machinery, transport, irrigation, news broadcasts, constitutional government. (Position of women to be considered in Study Six.)
      M.M.—pp. 75-78.
      C.T.R.—pp. 29-43.
  2. Leaders in these changes.
      M.M.—pp. 78-81.

III. 1. An Indian Christian Village.
      M.M.—pp. 94-96.
  2. A Village Church.
      C.T.R.—pp. 62-64.
      M.M.—pp. 165-167.

STUDY FIVE—WHAT INDIAN VILLAGE LIFE NEEDS

I. Education—
  1. Ability to read. Only ten per cent. can read and write—only two per cent. of the women. Dr. Laubach's method.
      C.T.R.—p. 8.
      M.M.—pp. 81-88.
  2. Meeting the need in our mission fields.
      L.—The Jhansi Field—pp. 3-5.
        The Bhil Field—p. 3.

II. Better Health—
  1. The gravity of the health problem is probably more acute in India than in any other country; this is probably due in no small measure to child marriage.
      M.M.—p. 88.

2. Meeting the need in our mission fields.
L.—The Jhansi Field—pp. 5, 6.
The Bhil Field—p. 7.

III. Agricultural and Industrial Training.
M.M.—pp. 90-94.
L.—The Jhansi Field—p. 2.
The Bhil Field—p. 8.

IV. Christian Faith.
M.M.—pp. 97, 98.

STUDY SIX—THE PLACE OF WOMEN IN INDIA'S NEW DAY

I. Women under the old system—occupations, in the home, *purdah*.
C.T.R.—p. 13.
M.M.—pp. 96, 97.

II. Women's position under the new system—in the home, and in public life.
C.T.R.—pp. 38-40; 104-106.
M.M.—p. 62.

III. Women in Public Affairs—
1. Their aims
2. The All-India Women's Conference.
3. Women Leaders.
M.M.—pp. 32-39.

IV. Women's Part in Indian Mass Movements.
G.T.—Oct. 1938, p. 365.

The Churches of Newfoundland

By Wilfred F. Butcher

According to the census of 1935, the population of Newfoundland was divided as follows:

Roman Catholic	93,925
Church of England	92,732
United Church	76,110
Salvation Army	18,054
Pentecostal	3,721
Presbyterian	1,460
Congregational	924
Others	2,662

The Church of England was the earliest in the land, its first clergyman arriving in 1611. It has, for many years now, been quite self-supporting, without looking for aid to richer dioceses or to the Missionary Societies of Great Britain. The Roman Catholics were at first bitterly persecuted, and less than two hundred years ago fishermen's huts were demolished or burned by order of the magistrates because mass had been said in them. However, a succession of statesman-like and spiritually-minded bishops changed the opinion in which they were held in the country, winning the friendship and respect of all classes. The United Church consists entirely of former Methodist Churches. The Salvation Army is so large and influential that it may almost be considered a denomination in itself. The Pentecostal movement, known as ''The Mission'', has recently made rapid strides, especially on the eastern coast. The Presbyterians have, of late years, had but two churches, those in St. John's and Grand Falls, familiarly known as ''The Kirk''. The Congregationalists have been about equally divided between a mission on the south coast, under the Colonial Missionary Society of England and Wales, and the Church in St. John's, which has recently petitioned for, and been granted, admission to the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The Churches in Newfoundland are in a position of great opportunity. In the outports all the people go regularly to church, and in St. John's the influence of the Churches is hardly less respected. The schools are all controlled by the different Churches. In many places the minister or priest is by far the best-educated person, and his influence can be profound. There are some who are well known because of their efforts—and success—in keeping their people off the dole, or because of their influence upon social conditions around them.

But opportunity brings responsibility. And the responsibilities of the Newfoundland Churches must also be mentioned. Children are growing up who cannot read or write. There is no compulsory education. In some of the schools, despite the provisions of the curricula, the biblical and other religious instruction is not very effectively given. Sectarian feeling is strong, showing itself in strained ''mixed marriages'', in athletics in which the teams and supporters are marked by their denominations, and in the maintenance of rival school systems. In some places there is grim poverty, calling the Churches to special tasks of relief and education.

It is always misleading to draw comparisons. All the conditions in Newfoundland are to be found in other parts of the world. Sin is the same in its consequences. Men and women are the same in their peculiarities. God is the same in His grace. The Church is called to the same great task, for which its members are all too unfit. They will value the understanding and the prayers of fellow-Christians in Canada.

OUR readers will be interested to know that Mr. Butcher is now the minister of the Queen's Road Presbyterian Church in St. John's, Newfoundland. On the 27th October, 1938, the Presbytery of Cape Breton and Newfoundland, as authorized by the General Assembly, received this congregation (formerly the Queen's Road Congregational Church) as a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The following evening Mr. Butcher, who has been ministering to this people for some months, was ordained and inducted.

Prayer

FATHER of us all, Thou who hast dominion over land and sea and over the people of every country, send, we humbly pray, with the bells of Christmas time, a glad message of peace and good-will to the hearts of men. May kings and rulers be endued with a stern sense of responsibility that their people should live in peace and happiness. May warlike plans be forgotten; give to the world a lasting and a blessed peace.

We pray, our Father, that Christmas bells may have a very special blessing for missions and missionaries this year. Grant that, as missionaries tell of the love of their Heavenly Father, their message may grip the souls of many for whom they yearn. We pray especially for those missionaries who are stationed in countries of war and strife, countries where floods and storms threaten lives and homes. Protect them, our Father. May Thine everlasting arms be around and about them. Strengthen them in body and in spirit; give them courage, determination, love, and compassion. Comfort them in times of loneliness and discouragement, and give to them at all times the fellowship of Thy Holy Spirit.

We pray for little children in every country at this Christmas time. Grant to them, dear Father, happy homes, loving care—all the joys of Christian childhood. We pray that they may have the blessing of growing up in a Christian world of peace and happiness, and that goodness and mercy may follow them all the days of their lives.

And we most earnestly pray, our Father, for the Madras Conference, that all delegates may be guided by Thy Spirit as they journey to the appointed place. Pour out Thy blessing upon the Conference, that each day a glorious message of hope and power for Thy Church in all lands may be made manifest. Give to each delegate a living message to take to the home Church and power to interpret that message clearly.

Grant these our petitions, dear Father, with the forgiveness of our sins and shortcomings for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Though Christ a thousand times
In Bethlehem be born,
If he's not born in thee,
Thy soul's forlorn.

Lady Tweedsmuir in Smith's Falls

ON October 20th the people of Smith's Falls, and especially the women of Westminster Church, were honoured in having Lady Tweedsmuir come to speak at a special meeting arranged by the Westminster Auxiliary. At the church she was received by Mrs. C. S. Bootes, President of the Auxiliary, and two Vice-Presidents, and Rev. J. MacBeath Miller and Mrs. Miller. A Canadian Girls in Training group formed a guard of honour.

About six hundred women were present and at the close of the meeting the presidents of the thirty-six women's organizations of the town and the members of Westminster Auxiliary were presented to Her Excellency,—in fact, she insisted upon shaking hands with all who were present.

In her address on ''Reading'', Lady Tweedsmuir spoke mainly of her efforts to provide books for Western Canada, especially the drought areas. Checking up that morning, she found she had sent 20,100 books since she began the work about two years ago. Much impressed by ''the courage and faith of people in the drought areas who had retained their sense of humour despite bleak years of drought'', she asked them how she could help, and was requested to send books. Beginning by sending some of her own, she later received generous assistance in her campaign for libraries for the West. Referring to the pleasure to be derived from reading, she urged the women to see that children were provided with good books, particularly the childhood classics,—they should not have books forced on them, she said, but even small children could be taught to really enjoy reading. In conclusion, she advised her hearers to choose their own books, not depending on the judgment of book clubs or critics and not being afraid of ''dry, uninteresting'' books, the reading of which would enable them to move upward to better books and additional enjoyment.

OUR LETTER BOX

First Impressions of Two New Missionaries

Szepingkai, Manchuria.

WHILE in Kobe we met Mr. Young's son and his wife who were also on their way to Manchuria and we planned to continue our trip together. On the Friday we bade farewell to our Kobe friends and set out on the second stage of our journey.

On Monday morning we docked at Dairen, where we were met by Mr. and Mrs. Reoch. What a happy reunion it was! During our day there we tried every means of transportation known in Dairen—rickshaw, drosky, street car, and taxi, leaving finally on the ''wonderful'' Manchurian train.

A journey of some seven hours brought us to Szepingkai. I don't believe I could describe more than two things in the passing landscape, for the inside of the train took all my attention. I think I had seen enough country and I wanted to see the people. Awaiting us were the Johnsons and about fifteen of the women. It was so good to be home at last.

I did not think I had any preconceived ideas of our new home city, but I must have had, for I had no sooner alighted from the train than I had to adjust myself to the fact of a very up-to-date station. Nothing more attracted me that day. We had the Johnsons to chat with and our new house to absorb us. You do not know what a really lovely house we have. We keep going in, presumably to get things out of our trunks, which are already in the store-room, but really to look once more at each room and make plans. The walls are all freshly whitened and the sunshine floods every room—we face south-west. Our garden has been well cared for by the Reochs and we have some beautiful asters in flower.

Besides getting acquainted with our own house, we have been visiting in the homes of the people about us. One morning was spent at the kindergarten, another with a Biblewoman on her rounds. So we have a taste of the work now and feel a little more informed. In a few days we shall be on our way again and how pleased I shall be to return with the ability, I trust, to do something more than look and listen.

As I have been writing and reviewing our journey, I have been reminded of the faithfulness of our God and of the unchanging promise, ''I will guide thee with mine eye.'' We indeed have great cause to praise Him who has directed our steps to this our appointed place.

—Helena Gibbs.

Szepingkai, Manchuria.

IT gives me great joy to send greetings to you from Szepingkai while I enjoy the sun in the Johnsons' spacious garden. We have been having warm September days, so like those at home that it is difficult to realize we are on the other side of the world and that you are sleeping during our day.

We are now the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson after a most delightful week with the Reochs. A week later we will be on our way to language school, to which we are eagerly looking forward; for we should like so much to be able to converse with our Chinese friends here.

We entered Yokohama harbour on a rainy morning so that Fuji and the beauties of Japan were hidden from our eyes. After the formalities of quarantine and immigration inspection we stood at the rail watching the *Empress* being slowly drawn into the dock. On shore we had our first experience of trying to talk with Japanese, who were most courteous to us. It was so hot and humid we were glad to get back to the ship. The left hand driving and the currency were a bit confusing until we had been in

Kobe a day or so. The band played and we threw streamers to Japanese children as the ship left the dock in the afternoon.

Next morning we were up early to catch the first glimpse of Kobe and the mountains of Japan. Among the many people who thronged the wharf we were very glad to recognize Mary Anderson, Ethel Chisholm, and Margaret Ramsay. All was new and so interesting, the costumes of the men and women, children all in school uniform, babies strapped to mothers' backs, the wooden shoes, people walking in the streets, and the constant yelling of rickshaw men and the blowing of automobile horns to warn the pedestrians. Ethel MacDonald had a chicken dinner awaiting us at their lovely home in the hills. Here we had the pleasure of spending six days with the girls, Dr. Young, John Young and his bride. Before leaving for Formosa, Isabel Taylor, Ethel Chisholm and Margaret Ramsay came to dinner, and we had quite a gathering of missionaries (twelve in all), the most of our own they had ever entertained at one time. Although our missionaries had just returned from Karuizawa, many callers from the field kept them busy. While in Kobe we went several times to the shops, had some more passport pictures taken, and obtained cholera serum. It was so nice to be with our own people and to learn something of their work and the time passed all too quickly.

We spent a very pleasant day in Dairen. First we obtained transit visas for Manchukuo and then visited the shops, going in a rickshaw and returning in a drosky, the two chief modes of travel in this land.

The following morning saw us through customs and boarding the Asia Express, a fast train, but so different from the trains at home—so crowded and smoky, and we were the foreigners. I fear Mr. Reoch must have tired of answering so many questions about the country through which the ''Asia'' was speeding: the fruit orchards, the rice, millet and kauliong fields, the absence of barns, the mud compounds. The train ran into rain near Mukden and a beautiful rainbow bridged the sky just as we were coming into Szepingkai.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and five or six Biblewomen were at the station to welcome us and ours was a happy group going to the Johnsons for tea and dinner, we four women packed in one drosky and Mr. Reoch and Mr. Johnson following in another with the bags. We explored our house the same evening and were more than satisfied. Of course, it seems large and empty now, but will be so homelike and comfortable when furnished. The living and dining rooms, studies and bedrooms all have southern exposures and will be so bright and cheerful. The living room and two studies have fire-places. In the garden are three baby pine trees, a fair-sized Manitoba maple, an apricot tree, and lovely asters along the walk. We just wish we were back from language school, ready to take up residence here. A block away is a very nice park, and behind us some thirty brick houses are under construction.

Mr. and Mrs. Reoch and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have been more than kind in taking us about the city . . . . We have had a real Chinese meal and *sukiaki* in a Japanese tea room. We have not yet acquired the art of using chopsticks gracefully, but we did manage to get along without forks. Mrs. Reoch and I visited a number of doctors and midwives and a Chinese hospital, and this week we shall visit the Catholic dispensary and learn what they are doing. We were very kindly received and they seemed glad to show me all they could. We had tea in every home, I think. I thoroughly enjoyed it and long for the time when I can be more useful. Last Saturday the women's group welcomed us with a song especially written for us. Our people are very friendly and rather curious. The women, for the most part, dress in long blue gowns, and some of the girls are quite attractive. The children I feel sorry for and yet they seem happy. We have been shopping a number of times and on these occasions all eyes are on little fair-haired Anne. Peter is a dear baby, just learning to sit up.

Church services and prayer-meetings are well attended and it is so good to hear the Gospel preached and our hymns sung in another tongue. It isn't easy for them to keep the Sabbath, when Sunday is a day of labour here for all save Government officials, the schools and post-office. Just a block away there is a Buddhist temple and behind us is an opium monopoly building. In the Chinese section open sewers run along in front of the houses. We have a few paved streets, no sidewalks, and, for the most part, the roads are terrible muddy ruts, through which horses and donkeys labour with heavy loads on clumsy carts. So Szepingkai challenges our best and I feel we will be happy and are privileged to bring the Gospel to this city.

—*Mildred Gehman.*

Publications Department

BY MARGARET NESS

BOOKS for Christmas! Why look elsewhere than to our well-stocked shelves for your Christmas gifts?

Everyone will be delighted to know that a new book by H. V. Morton is just off the press, **Through the Land of the Bible** ($2.50). This should prove as popular as his **In the Steps of the Master** ($2.50) and **In the Steps of St. Paul** ($2.50).

Oswald Chambers' **My Utmost for His Highest** ($1.25) and **The Place of Help** ($1.25) are always most acceptable gifts and now we add to our list another of his books, **If Ye Shall Ask** ($1.00).

For those wishing to send a gift to distant friends nothing could be finer than **My Mother,** Ruth Buchanan's lovely sketch of her mother's life and work, which has been brought out in an attractive form. Price **25 cents.**

Another new book that everyone will want to possess is **Jungle Tales,** by Dr. Buchanan. This is going to press at the time of writing. Orders ($1.25) will be accepted now and filled as soon as the book is ready, sometime early in December. These books by the Buchanans, father and daughter, come at a most opportune time, when the Senior Auxiliaries are to study India.

Mrs. Goforth's life of her husband, **Goforth of China,** is another book which should be on the gift list. Now in its second edition, it sells for $2.00.

Isobel Cameron's books are always popular and we have a direct English shipment which permits us to sell those in the ''Homeland'' series for $1.00 each. These include **From a Cottage in Pennycook Land, The Adventures of Elizabeth Gray, Red Rowans, Gillian Munro, White Bell Heather, The Street of the Spinners.** Her 35c. books include **The Doctor, More About the Doctor, The Doctor Calls Again, Gorry, Boysie, Helen Rose and the Children, Angus Our Precentor.**

Other books that have long been favourites and now sell for 50 cents each are **Life's Little Problems, Life's Little Pleasures, Little Journeys.** These are ideal books for the guest room. Orders for these cannot be filled until the middle of December, as our new English shipment will not be in until then.

For boys and girls between eight and thirteen years of age there is the new book **Shera of the Punjab** (55 cents); for boys between those ages there is **Mukasa the Bold** (50 cents), a stirring story the scene of which is laid in Africa, and **Vagabond Wong** (50 cents), a tale of a Chinese boy and an English boy in a flood; for girls, **Little Kin Chan** (40 cents), a charming story of the life of a Japanese girl.

For the tiny tots we have the ever popular **Little Books of the Bible** (Joseph, Jesus, Peter, Esther, Ruth, Daniel, David, Moses, Paul, The Prophets). These sell at 15 cents each. The books of the **Nursery Series,** with coloured pictures on one side of the page and a story on the other, are excellent for three to five year olds (30 cents each). The series includes **The Three Camels: A Story of India; Mitsu: A Little Girl of Japan; Esa: A Little Boy of Nazareth; Kembo: A Little Girl of Africa; Babo: A South Seas Boy.**

PROVINCIAL LANTERN SLIDE SECRETARIES

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AUXILIARY PAGE

Mrs. J. A. Milne, *Secretary*

GREETINGS and good wishes to you all from your Secretary! It is in deep humility and with earnest prayer that wisdom, grace and inspiration may be given her that she undertakes the task assigned by the Council Executive, of bringing by way of this page suggestions that may be helpful in strengthening Auxiliaries in their work.

A most important part of this work is in interesting more of the women of our churches in the aim of the Women's Missionary Society and the missionary work of our Church at large. Knowledge creates interest, and the study book for the next two years, an outline of which is given in this issue of the *Glad Tidings,* is recommended for use in your programmes.

Will you pray that these studies may be blest of God in bringing the world's great need of the Gospel before more of our women and that they may join with us in giving of their time, talents and money for spreading the ''Good News''?

The year is drawing to a close; the time is near when we sum up the work that has been done and lay it at the feet of the Master whose command we are trying to obey. Ours has been the work of upholding the hands of those who have left all to obey. Have we done all that we could?

For some years there was a decline in the membership of our Auxiliaries—until 1937, when reports show a slight gain. This gain is encouraging, but we think of the many women in our churches who are not interested in missions and have still to be made alive to their responsibility as Christians to this command of our Lord to ''go and teach all nations''.

The year 1939 is Organization Year; and in it an effort will be made to strengthen and build up every branch of our Women's Missionary Society by bringing in more members, that they by their prayers and their gifts may help in the work of winning the world for Christ.

I would ask you to read again the article in the October *Glad Tidings* on ''Our Marching Orders''. Nothing could better express our responsibility to the work of missions, and we must first give ourselves before we can interest others. To this end the first meeting of the New Year might be one of reconsecration, with Scripture and prayers bringing to mind our Lord's last charge to His disciples.

We might consider the following questions:

Are our programmes varied and alive with interest?

Do we consider our meetings important and worth telling others about?

Do the officers magnify their offices and give their best to them?

Have we a live membership committee, whose members will call on the uninterested ones and the new women who come into the church, inviting them to the meeting and following up the invitation with a reminder by telephone?

About the annual reports—It is advisable that each Secretary of a department and the Treasurer make three copies of her report, one to be sent to your Auxiliary Recording Secretary, one to be sent to the Presbyterial Secretary for the department, and one to be kept for your own reference. It is wise for the Executive to consider all reports and see that the information given is correct.

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. John D. Holman, ***Secretary***

October 25, 1938.

Dear Young Women:

TO convey to you adequately what your gift means to me is not possible. The more I try to put into words, even to myself, what I think and feel about it the more I realize how futile is the attempt. And yet I cannot allow your ''expression'' to go unacknowledged.

As you know, Mrs. Holman presented your gift to me at the Wednesday evening session of the Council meeting. That night I spent, into the wee small hours, with the Book of Remembrance. I wonder if I can possibly give you some idea of how I felt. I saw your faces, heard your voices, found myself once again in the midst of discussions, even ''hot foot'' into the arguments we used to have. I recalled the interesting teas, lunches, dinners, midnight suppers which had been so much a part of our time together. I remembered the countless times that difficult problems faced us and the splendid way in which you met them. I thought of the plans discussed and later carried out by you, the ideals toward which we ''reached'', and some of which you have ''grasped''. I remembered the time you gave generously and cheerfully when I was with you, ''hounding'' you to further effort, and the spirit of service and consecration which developed and became the comfort and joy of your Secretary and ''friend'',—oh, all the things that we had talked, thought, and done together, until it was too much. I put the book away, and found thankfulness in the fact that I was alone and that no one could witness my heart-ache and loneliness.

Not until I was in bed that night did I open the envelope pasted into the back of the book and look at the crisp new bills. When I realized what you had given me in money, in addition to all that those pages in the Book of Remembrance represented, I was overwhelmed. Mrs. Holman, in her presentation address, told me that I was to buy ''that particular something'' I had been wanting for some time, ''whatever that something was''. I am going to do just that. For ages I have been wanting a mahogany desk, old mahogany, of a particular style, and now I am going to have it.

If necessary, I shall spend the winter searching for what I want. Can you imagine, oh, surely you can, how much more that desk will mean to me because it is your gift? It will mean infinitely more than it could under any other circumstances. When I sit at it, always I shall recall hundreds of young women with whom I worked and whom I learned to love with a love that grew to be one of the strongest and most compelling powers it is given a human being to experience.

I wish all of you could see the book. It is a unique work of art, and ''roaming'' through it you would realize what an extraordinarily clever and versatile woman Mrs. Holman is, and what an indefatigable worker.

I refuse to say ''Good-bye''. Shall we just wave *au revoir,* as we have done many times after a week, a month, or months together? Although those particular times have come to an end, my memories are rich and happy. I am taking comfort in the knowledge that you are the *kind* of young women who will not forsake the road we climbed and trekked together. Thank you, and thank you again for the gift out of all proportion to my deserving, but, believe me, a gift which I appreciate.

With love to you always,

Laura K. Pelton.

GIRLS AND LEADERS

Mrs. John Kelman, *Secretary*

WHILE all our girls are celebrating Christmas in the usual Canadian way, the Girls' Work Secretary, Miss Tennant, will be seeing the day and season observed in a new way. On Christmas Day in India, where she will be at the time, vast numbers of people will carry out their ancient customs and festivals as usual. Hindu girls will not look with us to the Manger in Bethlehem. Instead, many of them will make a little boat out of cocoanut shell, place a small lamp within it, and launch it on the Ganges. If this boat floats out of sight with its lamp burning, their great desire will be fulfilled. The great majority of the girls in India and their families do not even know that Christmas is the day of days to Christians, the day when our Saviour Jesus Christ came into the world.

I do not know about Christmas in Madras, which is in South India, but I suppose it is much the same as in Central India. Except in the large cities, there are no decorated stores. Snow is never seen, and the only evergreen trees, such as those used for Christmas trees in Canada, are grown in specially cultivated gardens. All this, however, does not keep us from having a happy day. It usually begins quite early on our Christian compound, as the people go from place to place singing carols. We present the carollers with handfuls of cheap candy, which they are delighted to receive. ''Bara din mubarak ho'' is heard on every side for the next few hours. This means, ''May this great day be blessed to you!''

Everyone is kept busy from early morning till evening. A Church service about nine o'clock gathers all our congregation together to worship Him who gave us ''the great day''. Many are attired in bright new clothes and it is unusual to see any but happy faces. The Church service is followed by the school concert and Christmas tree. The latter is a big event for the children, as the only gift most of them get is the one from the tree, very often made possible by the kindness of friends in Canada.

Games and races occupy the afternoon. There are egg races, needle-and-thread races, potato races—and all the variety we have here at Sunday School picnics. The picture shows you how these are enjoyed; the children in it are all ready for a three-legged race. You can see that the weather must be different from Christmas weather in this country, because the children are barefoot and dressed in cotton clothes. At Jobat the day ends with a Christmas dinner of rice and goat curry (a kind of highly seasoned stew), after which the people part, tired but happy and thankful.

These next few weeks will find the girls in our Church groups in Canada preparing their Christmas gifts and festivities. In all this may they not forget the real meaning of our Christmas celebration. Only as we accept God's gift to us, the Christ Child, and share that gift with others can we know the true joy of Christmas.

—Bessie M. MacMurchy.

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The National Girls' Work Board announces a Christmas card especially for Canadian Girls in Training,—with a cut of a torch on the front and inside the words and music of the Christmas carol, ''Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella''. Price, with envelope, 5 cents each, or 3 for ten cents. Cards may be ordered from the Provincial Girls' Work Boards, or from Miss Tennant, Room 809, 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto, Ontario.

MISSION BANDS

Mrs. A. R. Riddell, *Secretary*

THE LEGEND OF THE ''WHITE GIFTS''

ONCE upon a time in a far-off country there lived a very wise, powerful king who was greatly loved by all his subjects because he was so kind and just. He was always trying to help his people, even the humblest of them, and they all knew that their happiness was the dearest desire of his heart.

The people wished that in some way they could express their great love for their king. They thought about this for some time, and finally decided that on his birthday they would, one and all, bring gifts to him in his palace. Each one was to decide what he would give, but to show the king that their love for him was strong and pure and true all the gifts were to be *white*. The people were very happy as they prepared for the king's birthday, and many loving sacrifices were made, for every one wanted to give of their best to their beloved king.

When the king heard about his people's plan for celebrating his birthday, he was very much touched and decided that he, too, would make some preparations, so that they would know that he appreciated their gifts of love: the great hall of the palace should be made a fitting place in which to receive the white gifts.

When the great day arrived and the people came to the palace with their gifts, they were amazed at the beauty of the room into which they were shown. All was pure white. On the floor was a soft white carpet; the walls were hung with shimmering white silk; and instead of the ceiling there seemed to be soft white clouds above them. The king, in beautiful white robes, sat on an ivory throne at one end of the room. His attendants were also in white, and near the throne were great bowls of pure white roses.

All were very happy—men, women, and children—as they went forward to present their gifts to the king. And what a number and variety of gifts there were! Some had brought costly pearls, carved ivory, rich silks, the finest of linen, or beautiful embroideries; but, because in those far-off days just as now some people were rich and some poor, others had brought small gifts—some handfuls of rice, a pair of white pigeons, or even one white rose—but each brought of the best he had, and always the gift was white. It was wonderful to watch the king as each of his people in turn knelt to offer his gift: he did not seem to notice whether that gift were great or small—to him one gift was no more worthy than another; for all were white gifts and all, he knew, expressed the same love and gratitude on the part of the givers.

The king and his people were very happy that day; in fact, they were so happy that the people decided that every year they would celebrate the king's birthday in the same way. And so, year by year, they presented gifts of pure white to their king to show that their love for him was strong and true; and year by year, as he accepted their gifts he regarded not the gift but the spirit of the giver. —*Adapted.*

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. C. E. JAMIESON, 1610 12TH AVE. WEST, CALGARY, PRESS SECRETARY

MRS. T. DODDS, 10630 72nd Ave., Edmonton, is the new Alberta Provincial Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. J. Mitchell, 504 1st St., Medicine Hat, the new Home Helpers Secretary.

Edmonton P.S.—A well arranged programme, balancing reports with devotional and inspirational addresses, interspersed with musical numbers, marked the semi-annual meeting of Edmonton Presbyterial on September 30th. Mrs. N. B. Moors presided in the afternoon, and Mrs. R. J. Burton at the evening session, which was in charge of the Young Women's Auxiliaries. At both sessions Miss Margaret Grigor of Prestville told of her work as a deaconess in the Peace River District. There are too few workers to minister to this vast country; but through faith and perseverance some advance is being made. Miss Grigor urged that each member assume her responsibility for helping to win the world for Christ. During the supper hour Mrs. D. G. McQueen spoke, also several of the ministers present, and Rev. A. Paynter of Ceylon, who is associated with his mother in work among the Eurasian children there, gave interesting information about their work. These addresses, together with helpful discussion on reports, gave an encouraging start to the new season's work.

Calgary P.S.—Mrs. Wm. Donaldson, a member of North Hill Auxiliary, Calgary, for many years, and President for seven, was recently presented with a Life Membership certificate by her associates.

Knox Auxiliary, Calgary, reports a successful Thank-offering meeting, with an excellent attendance. Dr. P. Carr of Patna, India, who is working with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Carr, in the Zenana B. and M. Mission, spoke of her work as a surgeon; this wider contact with missionary work was of great interest.

Speaking at Grace Church Auxiliary Thank-offering meeting, the Rev. A. Paterson of the Pro-Cathedral presented aspects of home mission work on the western prairies as he had seen it. He emphasized specific reasons for thankfulness not always thought of or appreciated, by contrasting the city churches' comforts and taken-for-granted (and often neglected) privileges with the hardships and limitations of those in rural and pioneer parts of the West.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary members had charge of the devotional period at the Calgary Presbyterial Executive meeting for October. Mrs. R. H. Williams, 1st Vice-President, presided. Two outstanding reports dealt with the work among young people—the Student Secretary's well planned system of getting into contact with students and nurses and the organization plans of the Girls' Organizations Secretary. A new group at Macleod was reported. The resignation of Miss McGee as *Glad Tidings* Secretary was accepted, and Mrs. R. S. Gibson, 317 38th Ave., Calgary, was appointed to this office. Miss D. Campbell gave an excellent exposition of Psalm 67, the whole note of the meeting revolving around the theme of Thanksgiving.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MISS SYBIL D. WHITE, 2007 W. 63RD AVE., VANCOUVER, PRESS SECRETARY

VICTORIA P.S.—St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Victoria, held a successful rally in September. In an interesting address on "The Work of Our Church in Canada", Rev. J. L. M. McLean said there are 87,899 families connected with the Presbyterian Church, an increase of 396 over last year; and stressed three facts: that it is the common faith that makes a Church and not the organization, that the work of a Church is just the work of the individual Christians, and that every individual should desire to bring that knowledge to others. In October Mrs. A. A. MacKinnon gave a comprehensive and interesting account of the Council meeting in Toronto.

Westminster P.S.—At the Mission Band rally held under the auspices of Vancouver Mission Band Leaders' Council on October 15th in West Point Grey Church Miss S. V. Scott and Miss Ruth Yeandle directed the programme. The children were taken by imaginary airplane from Canada to Manchuria, calling at Honolulu and at Hong Kong, where Chinese refreshments were served. Miss F. McQueen, as hostess, welcomed her guests to Manchuria, and Mrs. T. Deas emphasized the need for the study of God's Word. The various mission fields were represented by children in costume. Rev. D. A. Smith gave a short talk and displayed articles from China.

In July St. Paul's Auxiliary, Vancouver, presented a Life Membership and pin to Mrs. W. P. Gordon, for many years a faithful worker in the Women's Missionary Society.

At the Thank-offering meeting of Mount Pleasant Auxiliary, Rev. F. G. Fowler led the devotions and Rev. R. C. Acheson gave his impressions of the 63rd Keswick Convention in Cumberland, England, which he attended in July. On behalf of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Thomas Wilson presented Mrs. C. Bissett, who has long been an active member, with a Life Membership.

At the Vancouver Young Women's rally in Mount Pleasant Church on October 14th, nine Auxiliaries were represented, Mrs. R. Pollock, Presbyterial Young Women's Secretary, presided, and Mrs. R. J. Douglas reported on the discussion on Young Women's work at the Council meeting. Miss E. Bell led a discussion of the Fellowship.

The second annual Girls' Leaders' Retreat was held at the North Shore home of Mrs. I. Macdougall on October 22nd and 23rd. The theme was ''I will grow. In vain we build the work, unless the builder grows.'' The theme text, Ephesians 4: 5. Programmes of girls' groups presented by Miss Elsie Potter (Girls' Auxiliaries), Miss Ruth Yeandle (Junior Christian Endeavour), Miss Elizabeth Moodie (C.G.I.T.), and Mrs. I. MacDougall (Girls' Guilds), made it apparent that, although the groups might differ in name, their aims and purposes were similar. Miss Anne Fountain, Provincial Girls' Work Secretary, spoke on ''Newer Methods and Hints to Leaders''. Mrs. R. M. Thomson reported on Girls' Work discussions at the Council meeting. Dr. W. A. Cameron closed Saturday's discussions with an address on ''Approved Workmen''. The Sunday Bible study period was led by Miss S. V. Scott. Miss Elva Carson led the discussion on this year's study on China, which was followed by programme planning; definite plans were made to have the purpose and organization of girls' groups placed before all congregations in the Presbytery. In the closing vesper service the thought was stressed that only by growing in the knowledge of the needs of others and in willingness to serve others can we become full-grown Christians.

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Mrs. George Reynolds, 218 Young St., Winnipeg, Press Secretary

BRANDON P.S.—For the Thank-offering meeting on the evening of October 6th the church on the Waywayseecappo Reserve was filled with men, women, and children—this Indian Auxiliary always invites the men to one meeting a year. Rev. E. H. and Mrs. Lockhart and other friends drove over from Birtle. Miss Robertson, the boys' matron at the Birtle School, gave an address on ''Thanksgiving''.

At the Thank-offering meeting of First Church Auxiliary, Brandon, and at Wellwood, Miss Gillespie gave an account of her week's visit to the Rolling River Reserve. At Wellwood, too, four Presbyterial officers spoke informally of the coming season's work.

At a memorial service in Knox Church, Carberry, for Mrs. William Ross, for forty-five years a member of that congregation, for twenty years Auxiliary Secretary, and from 1925 till her illness two years ago a Vice-President of Brandon Presbyterial, a silver flower basket was dedicated, ''as a token of the high esteem in which she was held''. Mrs.

George Elliott, Auxiliary President, unveiled the basket and Miss Marie Froom placed flowers in it.

Winnipeg P.S.—At the Thank-offering meeting of Knox Auxiliary, Stonewall, at Miss K. McLeod's home, Mrs. J. Scott of Winnipeg conducted the Bible study on ''God's Promises'', and Mrs. H. H. Dunwoody, Presbyterial President, gave an address on ''Some Reasons we have to be Thankful''.

ONTARIO

MISS E. MACBETH, 206 HAVELOCK STREET, TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

Paging Presbyterial Treasurers and Finance Secretaries!

CALLING for complete allocations for 1938! By Sunday, December 4th, every Presbyterial President should be in touch with her Treasurer and Finance Committee, in order to plan for meeting in full all Auxiliary allocations, the only means whereby Presbyterial and Provincial Societies can meet their obligations to the general Society. Where it would seem that a deficit is impending, the Presbyterial Executive should offer help, in carefully studying the local situation and suggesting some means of raising money, which have proved successful. Perhaps a full programme for an Auxiliary meeting could be presented by visiting members; inquiries could be made as to whether more could be done through Life Memberships and In Memoriams; or additional Home Helpers might be secured among women of the congregation. Impress upon the members of every Women's Missionary Society organization that there should be no hesitancy in approaching women who are enrolled as members of the Presbyterian Church to share in this work, which is, after all, *the purpose for which the Church exists.* Over twenty-three centuries ago a promise was made by God: ''Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.'' But we forget that blessing was to *follow* the bringing of the tithes into God's storehouse. Ours is the responsibility of claiming this promise. To-day we have the key that will open the windows. Why not use it? If our women *know* of the work, they will *give* to it and it is our duty to see that they *learn.* Just four weeks left to complete allocations! Remember—*a small amount* from a *great number* will prevent remorse at Presbyterial meetings and will ensure the joy of meeting Provincial obligations. ''He judges our gift, not by the amount we *give,* but by what we have *left.*''

—*Mrs. C. H. Thorburn.*

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The Provincial Board of Management met in Calvin Church, Toronto, October 5th to 7th, with twenty-three Presbyterial Presidents and twenty-seven officers present. Mrs. John Williams presided at all sessions. Departmental work was discussed, and each President had an opportunity to tell of the highlight of her Presbyterial year. Miss Iris Errey of Amkhut, India, Mrs. W. G. Davis of Taonan, Manchuria, and Miss Hildur Hermanson of Taihoku, Formosa, were honoured guests, each giving valuable information concerning her field. Great interest was shown in the attractive display of literature. Mrs. C. H. Thorburn stressed the need for earnest united effort on the part of officers and members to meet our financial responsibilities. Reports of Mission Bands, girls' groups, and Young Women's Auxiliaries disclosed activity maintained and high hopes for the future Society.

St. James Church, Forest, was beautifully decorated with blue and golden autumn flowers and Women's Missionary Society banners for the Golden Jubilee celebration of the Forest Auxiliary, in Sarnia Presbyterial. Mrs. W. G. Lochead presided. Miss M. McBean gave a historical sketch and displayed pictures, the original secretarial books, and the treasurer's collection bag of 1896, which is still in use. Mrs. Peter Cairns, the oldest living charter member, was present, and the first secretary, Mrs. Robert Stirret, gave many interesting reminiscences. Mrs. Fred Gallie, in her address ''Looking Backward and Forward'', stressed the need of the spirit that inspired the early devoted members. West Adelaide Auxiliary had as guests members from four neighbouring Auxiliaries, seventy-five in all being present. At a joint Thank-offering meeting of the three Auxiliaries in Wyoming, Pioneers, Cuthbertson and Daughters of the King Young Women's Auxiliary, Mrs. Fred Gallie gave an address on ''Thanksgiving''.

At the Dungannon Auxiliary's silver anniversary tea, Maitland Presbyterial, Mrs. K. MacLean, Wingham, was the speaker. Proceeds amounted to about seventy dollars.

Miss Iris Errey spoke at well attended Mission Band rallies in Lindsay Presbyterial, and it is believed that the inspirational addresses of Miss Hermanson will stimulate renewed effort in the Auxiliaries she visited.

Burlington Auxiliary in Hamilton Presbyterial celebrated its Diamond Jubilee in October. Mrs. G. A. Mullin was the principal speaker. The secretary gave a synopsis of the Auxiliary's sixty years' activities. Beginning as a Mission Band ''Salem Cottage'', Caledonia, now a Young Women's Auxiliary, observed its 52nd anniversary recently. Interesting reminiscences of early years were given by Miss Eva Patterson. Mrs. W. A. McLennan, President of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., who had been a member of this Mission Band, was the guest speaker, and Mrs. A. E. Jones, a charter member, was present.

Knox Auxiliary, Midland, Barrie Presbyterial, opened the autumn term with a supper meeting with the Home Helpers present and Mrs. A. C. Stewart as speaker. ''Higher Mathematics'', a missionary play, was well presented by the C.G.I.T. of Penetanguishene. Good attendance, keen interest, and enthusiasm marked sectional meetings at Alliston, Allandale, Stroud, Duntroon, Oro Central, Elmvale, and Victoria Harbour in October, at which Miss Errey spoke. A note of encouragement was sounded in Barrie Presbyterial when Mrs. K. N. Cooper, with four members of the Executive, motored to Vankoughnet and organized an affiliated society. The women were keenly interested in this new venture, as there are no Church services during the winter and the Women's Missionary Society will be a real link in the chain of Christian work at this point.

As part of the centennial observance of St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, ''A Pageant of Years'' was presented by members of the Senior Auxiliaries, the Young Women, and the Mission Band. A Life Membership was presented to Mrs. R. S. Dobson.

Seventy-five attended the Young Presbyterians rally of Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial at Smith's Falls. Mrs. J. R. Hill, Ottawa, and Dr. Margaret O'Hara gave addresses, the subject of both being the love of Jesus and our obligation to show appreciation of that love by helping others. The meeting was stimulated by encouraging reports from the groups represented.

To more than one hundred children at Paris Presbyterial's annual Mission Band rally, in Norwich, Miss Iris Errey gave her first address after returning from India; the children greatly enjoyed her talk and her display of costumes and other interesting articles.

A rally of Mission Bands in Chatham was well attended. Mrs. D. Rhynd, Windsor, Mission Band Presbyterial Secretary, presided. Miss Iris Errey, in Indian costume, told of her work in Amkhut, India, and showed numerous interesting curios. Four Junior certificates were presented. Miss Errey also gave an address in St. Andrew's, Windsor, when the Alexander Bartlett Auxiliary invited the members of other Auxiliaries in the city and surrounding district to their first fall meeting, and in Leamington where all the organizations of Knox Church united for a Thank-offering meeting. She also conducted a Sunday service in Riverside Church. Duart Auxiliary reports the packing of a second bale and the presentation to Mrs. Robert McLaren of a Life Membership, the gift of her mother. Mrs. Charles Poore gave a comprehensive account of our hospital work at the September meeting of Knox Auxiliary, Leamington. Mrs. F. Paterson was presented with a Life Membership certificate and pin, the gift of her aunt.

QUEBEC

MRS. C. RITCHIE BELL, 357 DE L'EPÉE AVE., OUTREMONT, PRESS SECRETARY

THE following tribute to the life and work of the late Miss C. E. Cameron, a most valued member of the Quebec Provincial Board, was read by Miss B. Kilgour:

Once again our Heavenly Father has seen fit in His wisdom to call home one of our valued and much loved fellow workers,—this time in the person of Miss C. E. Cameron.

For many years she has been an inspiration to those with whom she has laboured. The reality of her Christian life was widened in her great love for the work of spreading the Gospel in the home land and also in the far-away places. Her wise counsel will be sadly missed, owing to her calm judgment and constant zeal in the work of our Society.

It may well be said of her that she ''was steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.'' God has now given her ''the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ''.

Many lives and homes have been touched by her kindly interest, and by her loving ministry in her own home.

Her prayer life was one of power—God alone can know the far-reaching results therefrom.

We, the members of the Quebec Provincial Board of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, give thanks to God for her years of devoted service to the Board and especially for the four years in which as President she so ably guided our work. We also give thanks for the privilege that has been given to us of Christian fellowship with one whose love of the Master was the motive power in her life.

We mourn our irreparable loss and to the sorrowing family wish to extend our deepest sympathy.

May we and they rejoice to think of her now in the Heavenly Home,

''Where loyal hearts and true
Stand ever in the light,
All rapture through and through
In God's most holy sight.''

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Reports at the meeting of the Quebec Provincial Society in Knox Crescent Church, Montreal, on October 18th, showed many encouraging features in the half year's work. Mrs. J. W. Dougherty presided. Total receipts amounted to $7,509.15; $6,950.00 was forwarded to the General Treasurer, $700 more than for the same period last year. Mrs. Charles Johnson, Montreal Presbyterial President, reported a very active and encouraging half year's work and Mrs. E. E. Gilson, Quebec Presbyterial President, deplored the fact that the work seemed to be decreasing, not because of the workers but because of the changing conditions in the districts. A very kind invitation was received from Quebec Auxiliary to hold the Provincial annual meeting in that city in April. Most interesting and instructive accounts of the recent Council meeting in Toronto were given by Mrs. R. J. Bell and Mrs. R. D. Smith. Dr. Elizabeth Thurrott, on furlough from Jhansi, India, spoke of her work there. Transformed lives bore evidence to the value of mission work, she stated. Evangelistic work is most worth while, not only for the number of converts, but because of the fact that it raises the standards of living and gives new ideals and new hopes to men and women. The situation is a challenge, calling for a revival of the heroic spirit of devotion to Christ which marked the Apostolic Church. Those at home must pray earnestly and give readily and unselfishly,—thanksgiving should be in proportion to our blessings. The evangelization of the world is the Church's function and it is when she is earnest in her discharge of that function that she is strongest and most richly blessed.

Quebec P.S.—Forty-five delegates were present at a sectional meeting of Quebec Presbyterial in Melbourne on October 7th, Mrs. E. E. Gilson presiding. Mrs. O. H. Parker, Sherbrooke, gave a very comprehensive report of the Council meeting in Toronto. The Rev. J. R. Graham spoke briefly on ''The Need for Vision in our Missionary Work'' and Mrs. Owen R. Campbell, Montreal, referred to the four times that vision had a great effect upon Paul.

SASKATCHEWAN

Mrs. R. M. Paterson, Luseland, Press Secretary

PRINCE ALBERT P.S.—The Meath Park Church, thirty miles northeast of Prince Albert, was the place chosen for the second annual sectional meeting in the northern part of the Presbyterial in September. The meeting was in charge of Mrs. W. B. Moore, Presbyterial Vice-President, and delegates were present from Howard Creek, Weirdale, and Prince Albert. Following the reading of a message from Mrs. G. D. Ralston, Provincial President, Mrs. R. G. McKay addressed the meeting. Mrs. J. Gibb conducted a Mission Band discussion period and gave helpful suggestions. Two Mission Band members from Weirdale and two from Meath Park impersonated four of our missionaries, and the Meath Park Mission Band sang. This five-point mission field was without Sunday services during the summer but a student was expected on the field in October.

Saskatoon P.S.—St. Andrew's Mission Helpers Band and Pleasant Hill Willing Workers Band held a joint meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon. Miss Mabel Booth gave a talk on the ''Message of a Chinese Postage Stamp'' and the Rev. W. G. Brown spoke on ''Keeping in the Channel''. Graduation certificates were presented to Marguerite Brooks and Jean Stewart. Following the meeting the Auxiliary entertained both Bands to a tea-party on the Church lawn.

At the September meeting of Parkview Auxiliary Mrs. B. Edwards, Presbyterial President, read a paper on British Guiana and Miss Steenson one on ''Service''.

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October 31st, 1938

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Pension Rates from workers	$ 29.94
Refund on Council Expenses	78.50
Refund from Deaconess, on Expenses	10.88
A Friend, "In memory of Christina Dalrymple" for Bible Woman in India	50.00
PROVINCIAL GIVINGS:	
Alberta	287.04
Ontario	11,100.00
Quebec	1,150.00
	$12,706.36

DISBURSEMENTS

Hospitals:	
Rocky Mountain House	$ 308.66
Canora	389.16
Chinese in Canada	736.17
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	539.90
Government Grant for Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	2,500.00
Birtle Indian School	602.80
Government Grant for Birtle Indian School	1,200.00
Mistawasis Indian Day School	45.00
Presbyterian Residences:	
Huntingdon	503.82
Saskatoon	75.00
India:	
Bhil Field	253.33
Jhansi Field	75.00
Manchuria	108.32
Formosa (salaries)	699.98
Japan	183.33
Organization	305.00
Special Retiring Allowances	146.66
Publications	545.81
Education of Chinese Students	27.00
Education of Indian Students	77.00
Welcome and Welfare and Deaconesses	1,418.27
Supplies	331.24
Miscellaneous	6.53
Exchange	4.20
Insurance	119.95
Council Expense	40.85
Administration	496.45
	$11,739.43

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RECEIPTS:

Formosa Trust Fund—	
Interest	$ 37.64
Special Retiring Fund for Missionaries—	
Interest	48.31
Sustaining Fund—	
Interest	58.16
Legacy Fund—	
Interest	106.91
Estate of Miss Jessie Allan, Toronto	500.00
Special Fund—	
Interest	24.90
A Friend, "Miss Ruth Buchanan's Work"	25.00
Mrs. R. J. Douglas, New Westminster, B.C.	25.50
Payment on New Liskeard Residence	122.50

Interest on New Liskeard Residence	127.50
Payment on McCrea House, Vegreville	47.50
Collections on accounts at Vegreville	139.00
	$1,262.92

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Special Fund—	
Miss Violet Tennant's expenses to Madras	$ 227.15
Miss Ruth Buchanan (Special Gift)	125.00
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Rocky Mountain House Hospital	1,290.63
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Prince Albert Presbyterial Mission Bands, page 208. We regret that through a printer's error the information for Melfort Girl Guides is repeated, the Mission Band being omitted. This line should read: Melfort, Cameron—Mrs. B. Tate, Melfort; 17 members; givings $10.00.

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